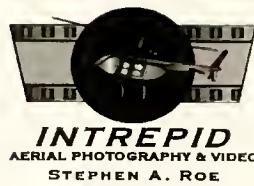


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**Annual Report
For the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2007
May 13, 2008 Town Elections
May 14, 2008 Town Meeting**



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Town of Chester Annual Report Front Cover

Featured on our front cover are three National Historic Sites, all located in the center of our Town.

Chester Congregational Church

On the northwest corner is the Chester Congregational Church. This lovely building was constructed in 1773 and served as the site of the annual Town Meeting through 1836.

Chester Village Cemetery

On the northeast corner is the Village Cemetery where more than two dozen Revolutionary War veterans are buried, along with other American war veterans, and notables such as the Bell and French families. Also, at this historic site are a number of 18th Century stone carvings by Abel and Stephen Webster.

Stevens Memorial Hall - named after George Washington Stevens in 1910

On the southwest corner, stands Stevens Memorial Hall erected in 1908-1910 for the purpose of consolidating town functions. It's unique structure is attributed to the work of architect George Gilman Adams (1850-1932) who was a prolific designer of town halls, courthouses, schools, public libraries, commercial buildings, and private homes between 1875-1932.

Town of Chester

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Annual Reports of the Town Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Other Agencies

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

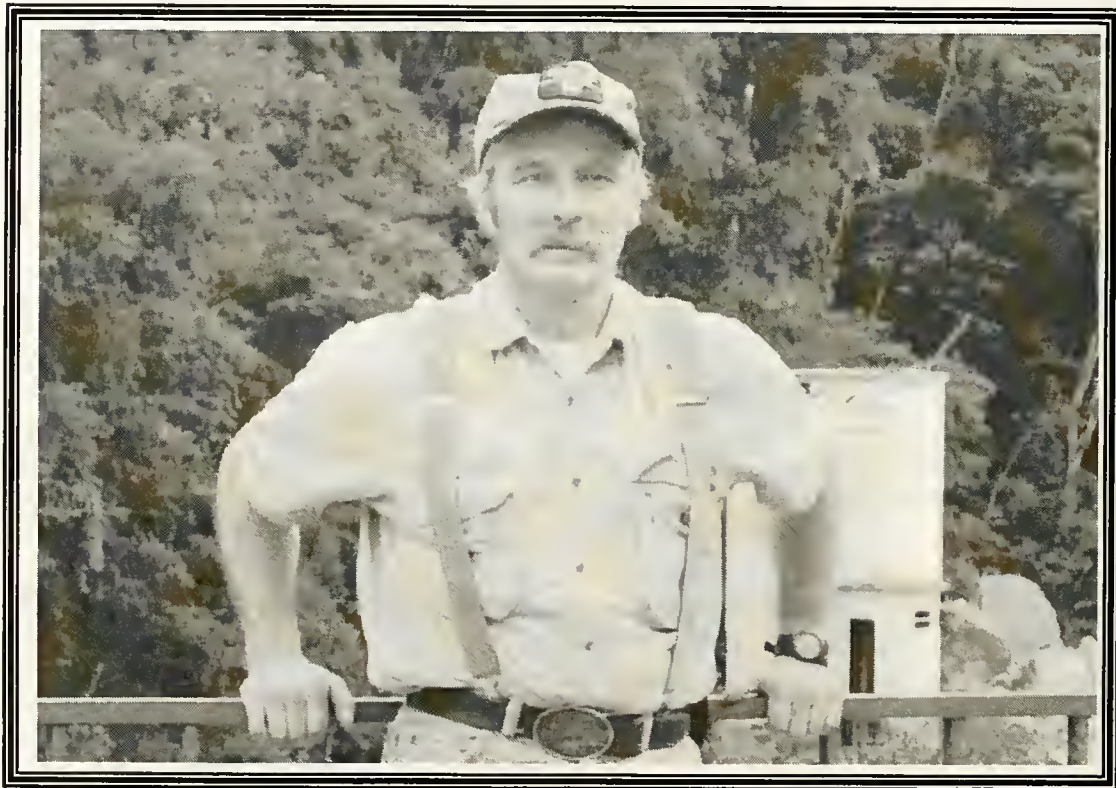
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Michael A. Weider, Chairman
Stephen O. Landau, Vice Chairman
Jack Cannon, Selectman
Mark A. Harris, Selectman
James Hassam, Selectman

**Dedicated to
Darrell F. Quinn
A Model Citizen
of the Town of Chester**

This report is dedicated to a neighbor, a friend of all, a volunteer who rarely says no, and a true gentleman - a man of few words but of many good deeds. While he remains in the background of community service and quietly goes about caring for his town, he is indeed forefront in our minds as a strong foundation of our community. Darrell F. Quinn is a Trustee of Great Hill Cemetery, a former member of our Volunteer Fire Department, our non-paid Public Health Officer, and a general Jack-of-all-Trades. We wish to thank him for his past, continued, and future services.



Darrell, in appreciation and recognition of all you do for the townspeople and for the Town of Chester, we dedicate this year's Annual Report to you!

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In Memory Of **Patty Hicks**

As Freedom is a Breakfastfood

by E. E. Cummings

As freedom is a breakfastfood
or truth can live with right and wrong
or molehills are from mountains made
--long enough and just so long
will being pay the rent of seem
and genius please the talentgang
and water most encourage flame

as hatracks into peachtrees grow
or hopes dance best on bald men's hair
and every finger is a toe
and any courage is a fear
--long enough and just so long
will the impure think all things pure
and hornets wail by children stung

or as the seeing are the blind
and robins never welcome spring
nor flatfolk prove their world is round
nor dingsters die at break of doing
and common's rare and millstones float
--long enough and just so long

worms are the words but joy's the voice
down shall go which and up come who
breasts will be breasts thighs will be thighs
deeds cannot dream what dreams can do
--time is a tree (this life one leaf)
but love is the sky and i am for you
just so long and long enough



*June 30, 1960 -
December 9, 2006*

Patty Hicks was a member of Tree
City USA for the Town of Chester
and a lifelong resident of Chester.

Recipients of the Boston Post Cane

John Adams Hazelton

James Buchanan

James Owen

James M. Heath

Carlos W. Noyes

Edward West

George D. Rand

Augustus P. Morse

Robert H. Hazelton

Reverend Silas N. Adams

Luther B. Lane

Josehn Rugge

William B. Healey

Arthur N. West

Walter J. Berry

William J. Bennett

Mabel Hanson Gillie

Louise W. Crawford

Violet E. Jones

Edward R. Grosvernor

Lilly Werner

Urquhart H. Chinn

Evelyn Noyes

Elected Town Officials

Board of Selectmen

Michael A. Weider, Chair	2008
Stephen O. Landau, Vice Chair	2008
Jack Cannon	2009
Mark Harris	2009
Jamie Hassam	2010

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Hatch, Chair	2010
Karl Knudsen	2008
Dianna Charron	2011

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon	2008
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Treasurer

Donald Parnell	2008
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Library Trustees

Mary Beth Ditoro, Chair	2009
Linda Heuer, Treasurer	2010
Kandace Knowlton, Secretary	2008
Deborah Munson	2008
Peter Leccese	2009

Town Moderator

Michael J. Scott	2008
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Road Agent

Michael Oleson	2009
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Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

Clifford Millsaps, Chair	2009
Joanne Millsaps	2011
Darrell F. Quinn	2011

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Linda Elliott, Treasurer	2010
Colin Costine	2009
Mat Stover	2010

Village Cemetery Trustees

Steve Child, Chair	2011
Aaron Mansur	2009
Geoffrey Barnett	2010

Budget Committee

Rhonda Lamphere, Chair	2009
Thomas C. LaPorte, Vice Chair	2008
Richard W. Bellemore	2008
Colin Costine	2008
Chris Hadik	2009
Charles Heuer	2009
John Garvey	2010

Wilcomb Townsend Trustees

Cynthia Tunberg	2008
Genevieve Rowell	2009
Dianna Charron	2010
Barbara L. Dolloff	2011
Lisa Oleson	2012

Jack Cannon, *ex-officio*,

Board of Selectmen

Mat Stover, *ex-officio*, School Board

Elected State Representatives

Gene Charron
Charlotte Lister

Town Officials

Finance Director

(vacant)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Linda A. Mansur

Emergency Management Director

Scott St. Clair

Health Officer

Darrell F. Quinn

Librarian

Melissa Rosetti, Director

School Superintendent

Vic Petzy

Welfare Officers

Barbara L. Dolloff

Marjorie A. Gould

Tree Warden

Cynthia J. Robinson

Police Department

William Burke, Chief of Police

Aaron Berube, Sergeant

Patrick Tridenti, Patrolman

Part-Time Police Officers

Leonard Leclair, Sergeant

Vaughn McGillen, Patrolman

Scott Haggart, Patrolman

Harold Gardner, Patrolman

Nelson Ortega, Patrolman

Rick Belanger, Patrolman

David Hargreaves, Patrolman

Anthony Maccarone, Patrolman

James Hargreaves, Patrolman

Jerard S. Maguire, Patrolman

Vaughn M. McGillen, Administrative Assistant

Fire Department

Rich Antoine, Fire Chief

Jack Cadieux, Deputy Chief

Mike Willinsky, Fire Captain

Rob Wolinski, Lieutenant

Jamie Hassam, Lieutenant

Kim Sheil, Lieutenant

Fire Membership

Jared Arsenault

Abigail Bellemore

Eric Bellemore

Rich Bellemore

Greg Bolduc

Tim Boynton

Jim Brown

Lori Child

Ben Clark

Colin Costine

Mike Doucette

Eric Emerson

Brian Gregson

Jim Hoffman

Christopher Lamy

Chris LeClair

Ken LeClair

Mark Monroe

Robert Murphy

Erin Newnan

Scott Newnan

Justin Oteri

George Pinault

Jon Robertson

Tony Rossignol

Colby Sabutis

Craig Schifferdecker

Kevin Scott

Ted Scott

Hank Wagner

Kevin Wunderly

Forest Fire Wardens

Richard Antoine, Fire Warden

Robert Wolinski, Deputy 2008

Mike Willinsky, Deputy 2008

Conservation Commission

Charles Myette, Chair
 Baron Richardson, Treasurer
 Camilla Lockwood 2009
 Andrew Jeans 2010
 Jennifer Sullivan 2010
 Patrick Connelly 2010
 Jean Methot, Alternate 2010
 Gladys Nichols, Honorary Member

Highway Safety Committee

Chief William Burke, Police Department
 Chief Rich Antoine, Fire Department
 Gene Charron, State Representative
 Charlotte Lister, State Representative
 Jack Cannon, Selectman
 Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Board
 Michael Oleson, Road Agent

Planning Board

Richard Snyder, Chair 2009
 Evan Sederquest, Vice Chair 2009
 Andrew Hadik 2010
 Camilla Lockwood 2010
 Michael Jung 2010
 Brian Sullivan 2010

Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Coordinator
 Michael A. Weider, *ex-officio*, Board of Selectmen

Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT)

Hilary Hall, Chair
 Bob Grimm, Co-Chair
 Dick Godfrey
 Marge Godfrey
 Lenny Stein

Recreation Commission

Ed Karjala, Chair
 Bill Lonergan, Vice Chair 2008
 Linda Royce
 Bill Chirgwin
 Katie Orlando 2010
 Stephen Moltenbrey, Recreation Coordinator

Recycling & Solid Waste Committee

Andrew Hadik
 Bonnie Healey
 Lloyd Healey
 Barbara King

Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Regional Planning Commissioners to Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

Jean G. Methot
 Cynthia J. Robinson

Road Name Advisory Committee

Judith Balk, Chair
 Ann Parnell, Vice Chair
 Colin Costine
 Greg Lowell
 John Colman, *ex-officio*
 Evelyn Noyes, *ex-officio*
 Camilla Lockwood,
 Planning Board Liaison

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Brad Wamsley, Chair & Treasurer
 Chuck Myette, Cons. Comm. Rep.
 Julia Webb
 Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Rep.

Transfer Station

Lloyd Healey, Recycling Coordinator
 Bonnie Healey, Manager
 Richard Czarneck, Compactor Operator
 Alison Rochenski, Recycling Attendant
 Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Wason Pond Commission

Baron Richardson, Chairman (Cons.)
 Chuck Myette (Conservation)
 Bill Chirgwin (Recreation)
 Bill Lonergan (Recreation)
 Brad Wamsley (at large)
 Jean Methot (at large)
 George Noyes (Chester Seniors)
 Chris Hadik (Budget Committee)
 Mike Weider (Board of Selectmen)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jean Methot, Chair	2010
Kevin Scott, Vice Chair	2009
Billie Maloney	2009
Richard Snyder, Planning Board Rep.	2010
Charlotte Lister, Alternate	2009
Dr. Joseph Hagan, Alternate	2010

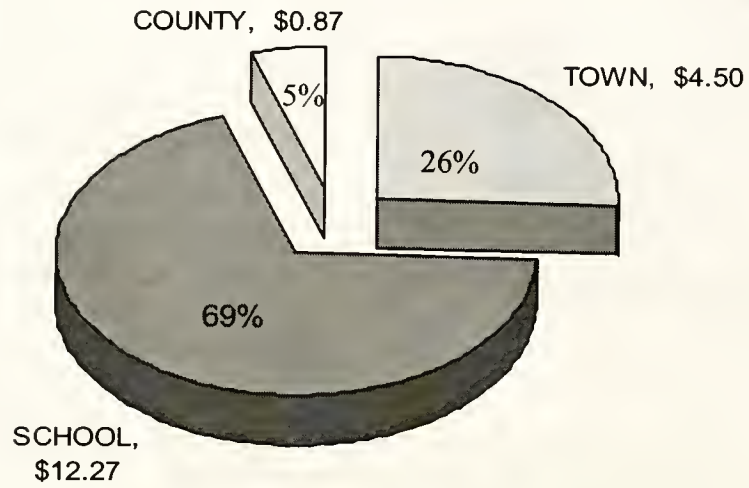
Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

***Selectmen Mike Weider & Jack Cannon
Congratulate Sarah Scanlon on obtaining her
U.S. Citizenship at a Budget Committee Mtg.***

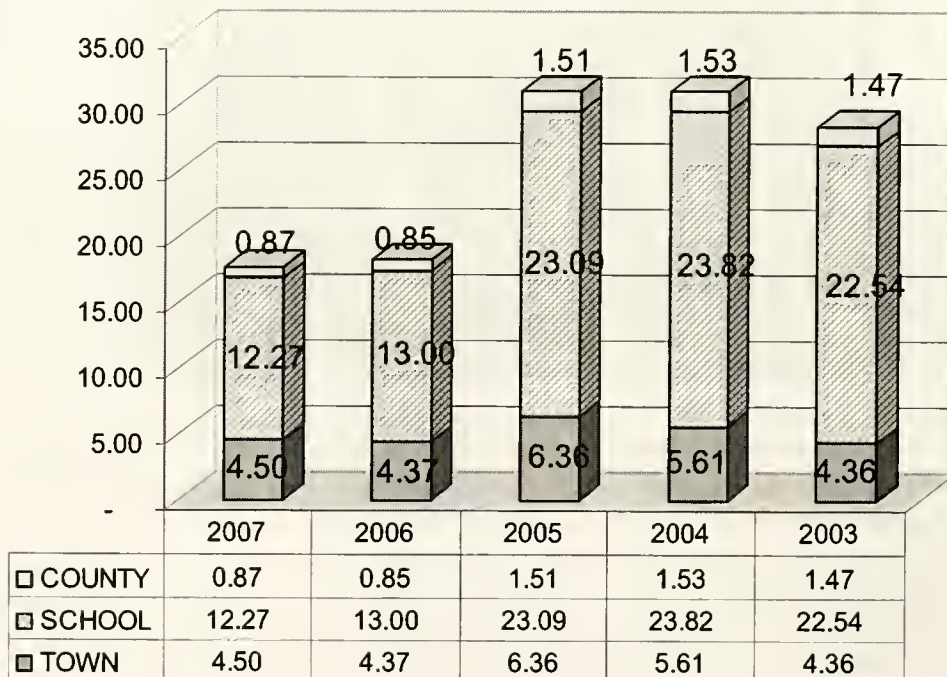


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2007 TAX RATE PER \$1,000



TAX RATE PER \$1,000



**TOWN OF CHESTER
OFFICIAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 8TH, 2007**

The Town of Chester election for officers and zoning amendments was held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2007. The election was held at the Chester Multi-Purpose Room. The polls were opened at 8:00am. Moderator Michael Scott officially closed the polls at 7:00pm.

Article #1. To choose the necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

The results of the election were as follows:

Board of Selectmen for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

James W. Hassam	-	668
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Board of Selectmen for 2 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Geoffrey Barnett	-	258
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Mark A. Harris	-	569
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Road Agent for 2 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Robert Brown	-	438
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Michael J. Oleson	-	453
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Mr. Brown requested a recount. This was conducted on Tuesday, May 15th, 2007 at 10:00am by Town Clerk Barbara Gagnon, supervised by one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen and one (1) Moderator, with the public welcome to attend. The results were identical to the original count. Mr. Oleson's election as Road Agent was confirmed.

Budget Committee Member for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

John A. Garvey	-	680
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Great Hill Cemetery Trustee

(Vote for not more than 1)

Joanne S. Millsaps	-	770
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Library Trustee for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Linda Heuer - 742

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Linda Elliott received 9 (nine) write-in votes; however, she is already a Trustee of the Trust Funds. There were other write-ins with similar numbers of Votes. Moderator Scott will contact these citizens and whoever wants the position will be elected.

Wilcomb Townsend Home Trust Trustee for 5 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Lisa A. Oleson - 704

Wilcomb Townsend Home Trust Trustee for 2 years:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Genevieve Rowell - 731

School

School District Moderator for 1 year:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Kevin C. Scott - 712

At this point Moderator Michael Scott turned control of the meeting over to School Moderator Kevin Scott, who then opened the School portion of the meeting.

School Board Member for 3 years:

(Vote for not more than 2)

Jane E. Grimm - 598

Valerie A. Weider - 532

School District Clerk for 1 year:

(Vote for not more than 1)

Robert S. Grimm - 698

School Treasurer for 1 year:
(Vote for not more than 1)

Emily E. Haswell - 712

School Moderator Kevin Scott closed the School portion of the meeting.

Moderator Michael Scott resumed control of the Meeting.

Article #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To consolidate and improve the existing cluster zoning Article 6 and 7. These improvements include reducing the number of dwelling units allowed, changes to the requirements for defining and preserving high quality open space and changes to buffer requirements while allowing for more flexible implementation of the Article. Another change is to replace "low and very low income" housing as the basis for the incentive system with "affordable" housing. Development under this Article will continue to be voluntary.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 – Cluster Development and Article 7 – Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 – Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 – Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article.

Yes 528 / No 285 **Article #2 carries.**

Article #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds New Hampshire state definitions and references to terms that currently exist in the Wetland Conservation District Ordinance.

Amend: Section 5.7 Wetland Conservation District by adding definitions to 5.7.2 Definitions and references that are used throughout the town zoning ordinance and regulations into the following Subsections 5.7.1 Purpose and Authority, 5.7.4 Permitted Uses relocating Building Setbacks to a new Subsection 5.7.5.4 and adding a Subsection 5.7.9 Buffers and Setbacks.

Yes 502 / No 322

Article #3 carries.

Article #4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amendments are proposed throughout the ordinance to correct typo errors, update statutory references and change the numbering and cross referencing of sections as required by other amendments.

Yes 625 / No 173

Article #4 carries.

Article #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 4 as proposed by Petition to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Are you in favor of the repeal of "Table 2, Setbacks, No Cut and No Clearing Zones" and any reference thereto from the Chester Zoning Ordinance?

This proposed ordinance repeal was initiated by a voter petition in accordance with the provisions of RSA 675:4.

The Planning Board does not approve the proposed repeal of this ordinance.

Yes 313 / No 518

Article #5 fails.

Article #6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Selectman Landau informed the Town that some copies of the Annual Report had been misprinted, with both pages 58 and 70 being the Road Agent's report. Page 58 should have been the Road Naming Committee's report. Anyone who received a misprinted copy could pick up a new copy at the back of the room.

Moderator Michael Scott asked if there were any reports to be read.

As none were forthcoming, no vote was needed on the article and the Meeting moved ahead.

At this point Budget Committee Chair Rhonda Lamphere moved that Article #10 be taken out of order; to wit, to come between Articles #6 and #7. The request to take the article out of order was made because passage of this particular article might necessitate a change in the Budget, which is Article #7. Budget Committee Member Colin Costine seconded the motion; it was carried by voice vote.

Article #10. Fulltime Career Firefighter/EMT

To see if the Town of Chester will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand three hundred twenty three dollars (\$21,323) for the purpose of hiring a fulltime career firefighter/EMT. (Petitioned Warrant Article.)

(Tax Impact 0.04 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee does not recommend)

A petition was received with the required five signatures to have this article decided by a paper ballot.

Article #10 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Budget Committee Member Chris Hadik stated that he had statistics in hand that addressed the increase in firefighter calls in Chester as well as Chester's population growth. He stated that the number of calls received in 2006 was 402, which is an increase in call volume over the past six (6) years of approximately 65%. However, the increase to the budget requested by this article is 623%. He queried whether the Town needed or wanted that type of increase.

Fire Captain Mike Willinsky moved to amend Article #10 to read as follows:

To see if the Town of Chester will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand, three hundred twenty three dollars (\$21,323) for the purpose of *converting a currently-existing part-time firefighter position into* a fulltime career firefighter/EMT.

The amendment was seconded.

Fire Chief Rich Antoine stated that he supported the article. His department has a need for a second full-time firefighter/EMT. Their first full-timer was hired in 2004, when there were 293 calls. He stated that the Town had voted to hire another full-time firefighter at last year's meeting pending the receipt of a grant; however, that grant had not been received and the person had not been hired.

Budget Committee Member Costine stated that he had 34 years of experience with the

Chester Fire Department. The number of volunteer firefighters who are in town during the day has decreased over the years. He realizes that adding personnel to a department is a big initial jump in the budget, but subsequent increase percentages would be less. The Department used to be completely volunteer; currently 1.5 people are paid.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere pointed out the large jump in the budget when going from a part-time position to a full-time position is largely based on the costs of health insurance.

Mark Monroe identified himself as a professional firefighter with Massport Fire & Rescue. He stated that there is simply not enough manpower in most New Hampshire fire departments. OSHA rules state that there must be two persons inside and two outside at each fire event. He also stated that in his opinion, the equipment assigned to Chester firefighters does not meet standards.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere requested that all persons who wish to speak restrict themselves to speaking only to the Amendment at this time.

Budget Committee Vice-Chair Tom LaPorte stated that he was in favor of the article, but wondered if the extra daytime coverage could be met by having two part-timers rather than one full-timer.

State Representative Gene Charron pointed out that this article was about public safety. He expressed his disturbance about the state of the firefighters' equipment. He strongly recommends the passage of this article.

Sandy Clark stated that she had her house thanks to the all-volunteer Chester fire department, and supports the article.

Board of Selectmen Chair Michael Weider stated that the bottom line was that passage of this article would allow Chester's residents to have a second firefighter available at all times.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The amendment to Article #29 carries.

The question was called as to the article as amended; a paper ballot was used.

Yes 106 / No 55

Article #10 carries.

Article #7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,288,180) for the support of the Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This Article does not include appropriations voted in other Warrant Articles.

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

		Budget Committee Recommend \$	Selectmen Recommend \$
4100	General Government	916,393	916,393
4200	Public Safety	791,430	791,430
4300	Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	516,240	516,240
4400	Health & Welfare	36,162	36,162
4500	Culture & Recreation	170,908	170,908
4600	Conservation & Economic Development	7,654	7,654
4700	Debt Service	849,393	849,393
4900	Capital Outlay	0	0
	Total Appropriation	\$3,288,180	\$3,288,180

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere explained the “10% Rule” to the Town. It states that Town Meeting cannot increase the Budget Committee’s recommended budget by more than 10%; therefore, \$3,681,549 is the maximum that can be raised and appropriated this fiscal year. The passage of all warrant articles would violate the 10% rule. She recommended that the Townspeople look at all of the warrant articles and pick those that are most important to them.

Article #7 was moved to the floor and seconded.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere moved to amend Article #7 as follows:

		Budget Committee Recommend \$	Selectmen Recommend \$
4100	General Government	916,393	916,393
4200	Public Safety	791,430	791,430
4300	Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	516,240	516,240
4400	Health & Welfare	36,162	36,162
4500	Culture & Recreation	170,908	170,908
4600	Conservation & Economic Development	7,654	7,654
4700	<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>849,394</i>	<i>849,394</i>
4900	Capital Outlay	0	0
	<i>Total Appropriation</i>	<i>\$3,288,181</i>	<i>\$3,288,181</i>

This amendment adds one dollar (\$1) to line 4700, Debt Service, changing it from \$849,393 to \$849,394. This is to correct a typographical error on page W37 of the Town Report. Column 6 of Section 4700, Debt Service, should have appeared as follows:

ACCT.#	PURPOSE APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	OF	6
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	711,93	1
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	137,46	2
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	1	

State Representative Charlotte Lister pointed out that if a budget line does not contain at least one dollar (\$1), then it is illegal to spend any money on that line at any point during the year.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The amendment to Article #10 carries.

Erin Newnan moved to amend Article #7 by adding \$967 to the Building Inspector line (4240) in order to match a grant for emergency house numbering.

This amendment adds nine hundred sixty seven dollars (\$967) to line 4200, Public Safety, changing it from \$791,430 to \$792,397.

The question was called as to the second amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The second amendment to Article #10 carries.

State Representative Lister moved to amend Article #7 by deleting \$10,000 from line 4312, Highways & Streets, as she believed it was a salary for the Road Agent. She stated that the Road Agent had never received a salary before and wished to know why s/he would be doing so now.

Former Road Agent Rob Brown stated that he believed that it was a stipend for the Road Agent, and that it should be in a Warrant Article, not in the budget itself. He stated that he had not requested that line when he drew up the Highways & Streets budget.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere stated that it was neither a salary nor a stipend; that it was a line to be used to cover administrative costs incurred by the Road Agent. All expenditures to this line must be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Brown stated that there was already a \$3,000 clerical line in the Highways & Streets budget, and that he was against this new line.

Chris Hadik stated that this line was to ensure that a more reasonable rate be charged when the Road Agent was performing administrative duties, such as road inspections, as at the current time the Town is being charged \$45 an hour for "pickup truck rental" for that particular job.

Budget Committee Vice-Chair LaPorte stated that the object was to allow for more management and accountability. He stated that the Road Agent should be allowed to charge for a process such as bid solicitation, as overall it saves the town money.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the Town was trying to avoid paying a truck rate for administrative work. It helps with the audit trail.

Sandy Clark stated that Planning Board Administrative Assistant used to do the Road Agent's administrative work; then the Board of Selectmen's AA did it. She is suspicious as to why the Road Agent's budget was increased and then Mr. Brown did not retain his position.

Mr. Brown stated that last year \$85,000 was removed from his budget and put into a trust; this year another \$30,000 was removed.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the expendable trust monies referred to by Mr. Brown are to be used only for winter maintenance, and are not available to the Road Agent nor the Board of Selectmen for any other purpose.

Andrew Hadik stated that he knew the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen had gone over the budget with a fine toothed comb, and that he was opposed to the amendment. He asked that the question be called.

The question was called as to the third amendment; the voice vote was in the negative. The third amendment to Article #10 fails.

Kevin Scott asked why the work in last year's Warrant Article #17 had not been performed; to wit, , \$88,000 for asphaltting, shimming and applying the finish coat of East Derry Road, Hanson Road and Wells Village Road.

Mr. Brown stated that by the time he had gotten estimates, the scope of work had changed, driving the cost up beyond what monies had been raised appropriated. He stated that that money remained unspent.

The question was called as to the article as amended; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #10 carries.**

Article #8. New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution

To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Chester.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Chester encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this Article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (Petitioned Warrant Article.)

(No Tax Impact)

Article #8 was moved to the floor and seconded.

Camilla Lockwood stated that she had signed this petition and was in favor of climate change discussions.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #8 carries.**

Article #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$19,340) for the purpose of purchasing supplies and installing emergency house numbers to update the Town's Enhanced 911 system in accordance with the Town of Chester Master Plan. (Petitioned Warrant Article.)

(Tax Impact 0.04 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee does not recommend)

A petition was received with the required five signatures to have this article decided by a paper ballot.

Article #9 was moved to the floor and seconded.

John Coleman stated that the last time emergency house numbers were installed was 1983. Time has obliterated many of these numbers. The Town will need 1500 posts, 250 numbers, and hardware. The labor has been volunteered, which will reduce the money needed from \$19,340 to \$13,900. This is simply a matter of public safety. The Fire Department has answered 198 calls so far this calendar year; that is an average of 1.75 calls a day, and there is a good chance that the Fire Department or Police department will need to find your house some day.

Selectman Landau moved to amend Article #9 to reduce the amount requested from \$19,340 to \$13,900, as the labor to install these posts and numbers will be performed gratis by one particular Town Resident and other volunteers. He estimates the breakdown to be as follows:

Numbers	\$10,800
Posts	\$2,500
Hardware	<u>\$600</u>
Total	\$13,900

Any funds left over after the work is completed would not go into the general fund, but be used to purchase other needed emergency management equipment.

State Representative Lister stated that it was not allowable to use excess funds to purchase items not referenced in the Warrant Article.

Selectman Landau stated that the Town Counsel had informed him that on a special warrant article, it was allowable to use any excess funds to purchase enhanced 911 items.

School Board Member Jane Grimm stated that at the last flood, the school had become an evacuation zone. The Red Cross did not arrive for six or seven hours with emergency equipment, as they had none to give at first. Ms. Grimm stated that she approved of Mr. Landau's use of the excess funds.

Sandy Clark asked if all markers would be replaced, or only the missing ones.

Selectman Landau stated that the majority will be replaced, and they will be double-sided, except for in cul-de-sacs, where double numbers would not be needed.

Budget Committee Rhonda Lamphere stated that the Budget Committee had not recommended this article because they had received three different estimates for the work to be done. She also stated that there was a grant pending to perform this work and that in her opinion it is all residents' responsibility to maintain their own emergency house numbers.

State Representative Charron asked for clarification on what supplies would be needed to

perform this work. Selectman Landau obliged.

Budget Committee Member Costine stated that he was a strong believer in the need for these numbers, but he believes that emergency numbers should be the residents' responsibility. He has maintained his own numbers. He believes that the Board of Selectmen could instruct the Building Inspector to put out a mailing, informing all residents to put up their own numbers.

John Coleman stated that he does not believe that all residents will take care of installing or maintaining their own numbers. He himself has not done so. He also believes that the consistency afforded by having all the same equipment and installer will make the numbers easier to spot in an emergency.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The amendment to Article # 9 carries.

The question was called as to the Article; a paper ballot was used.

Yes 112 / No 51 / Spoiled 2 Article #9 carries.

At this point in the meeting, Moderator Michael Scott called for a 15 minute break.

The Board of Selectmen then took control of the meeting in order to present this year's awards.

Outstanding Employee:	Lloyd Healey
Volunteer of the Year:	Linda Royce

Town Clerk Barbara Gagnon was recognized for her 30 years of service to the Town of Chester.

At the conclusion of this section, Moderator Michael Scott took control of the Meeting.

Article #11. Mosquito Trapping

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31: 19-a, to be known as the Mosquito Abatement Fund, for the purpose of the development of a Mosquito Abatement Plan to submit to the State and for the trapping of mosquitoes that carry mosquito-borne viruses including Triple E and West Nile Virus and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

(Tax Impact 0.04 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)
(Budget Committee recommends)

Article #11 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that these monies were to develop a Mosquito Abatement Plan and submit it to the State. Mosquitoes would be trapped and identified and a plan to handle them in the future would be developed. No spraying would be performed this year.

The question was called. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved.

Article #11 carries.

Article #12. Municipal Complex Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to replace the furnace and boilers in the Municipal Complex and to repair the roof access.

(Tax Impact 0.18 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)
(Budget Committee does not recommend)

Article #12 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Selectman Landau stated that there was no way to reduce this price. The Multi-Purpose Room furnace is no longer suitable for its application. By design, it heats external air and expends carbon monoxide. It's 22 years old; the controls are out of date; it needs weekly repair. The plan is to replace it with a propane unit that reheats internal air, costing approximately \$69,000.

Roof access needs to be repaired.

There are four (4) oil-fired boilers in the main part of the building that might last another five (5) years at most. Oil tanks have been brought up to code and the chimney has been repaired. The plan is to replace them with two gas-fired boilers that would cost approximately \$30,000 and provide 25-35 years of service.

Budget Committee Member Costine stated that he was on the Board of Selectmen when the Town took the building over from the School. He is quite familiar with the building and the MPR heating system, and gave a brief history of same. He stated that the MPR furnace is grandfathered and the original installer is willing to service it. The remaining four boilers have been upgraded relatively recently. With the improved insulation in the building currently, 2 of the 4 boilers can heat the building, so there is no need to replace

any of them now.

State Representative Charron stated his opinion that repairing any of the above equipment equated to “band-aids, gauze, bubblegum”. He believes that it’s time to spend the money.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that he finds it necessary to start the MPR unit early each Saturday morning in the winter, as it always shuts down. The boilers are wearing out. New boilers have improvements that will lengthen their lives.

The question was called. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved.

Article #12 carries.

At this point, a motion was made that Article #13 be taken out of order; to wit, to come between Articles #21 and #22, due to the size of the request in this Article. It was suggested that any funds left over of the 10% rule could be put into a capital reserve fund for the dam work.

The motion to move the Article was seconded; it was carried by voice vote. Moderator Scott moved on to Article #14.

Article #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$11,900) to install a 2-yard plastics compactor at the Transfer Station for the purpose of reducing the facility's operating expenses. Furthermore, the Selectmen are authorized to apply for a grant for reimbursement for portion of this expense. Failure to obtain grant funding, however, will not cancel this Article.

(Tax Impact 0.03 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

Article #14 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Andrew Hadik stated that currently plastics are not being crushed, so a 40-yard container only holds about 1,650 pounds of plastics. He calculates that this compactor will pay for itself in 2.7 years if the grant is received; longer if the grant is reduced or denied.

The question was called. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. **Article #14 carries.**

Article #15. EPA/Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site Settlement.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of settlement of potential liability for the cleanup of the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(Tax Impact 0.03 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

Article #15 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that this settlement was previously agreed to by the Board of Selectmen, but that the EPA never followed up on it. He is not sure that the cost will be this much.

Andrew Hadik urged the Town to approve this Warrant Article. He stated that when the EPA is involved, normal rule of law does not apply. The Town sent waste oil to the Beede site in the 80's; the EPA is giving the Town the option to opt out of liability now. It will surely cost more to do so later.

The question was called. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. **Article #15 carries.**

At this point, a motion was made that Article #17 be taken out of order; to wit, to come between Articles #15 and #16. The motion was seconded; it was carried by voice vote. Moderator Scott moved on to Article #17.

Article #17. Stevens Memorial Hall Repair & Maintenance - Interior of Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for repairs and maintenance for the interior of Stevens Memorial Hall.

(Tax Impact 0.09 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee does not recommend)

Selectman Jack Cannon moved that this Article be tabled and that the work on Stevens Hall be done in steps. The motion was seconded. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. **Article #17 is tabled.**

Article #16. Stevens Memorial Hall Repair & Maintenance - Exterior of Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for repairs and maintenance for the exterior Stevens Memorial Hall.

(Tax Impact 0.09 Cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

Article #16 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Selectman Cannon stated that the Board of Selectmen has received quite a bit of feedback about the condition of the Town's older buildings. Stevens Hall is a very important building to Chester. It needs to be painted, to have gutters installed, and to have the hazardous front entry repaired. In 2009, two years from now, the Town will celebrate Stevens Hall's 100th anniversary.

State Representative Charron asked if the Town could look forward to having the interior repair work done next year.

Selectman Landau stated that there is some maintenance money available for that purpose, but that next year monies will be requested for specific jobs.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the Board of Selectmen is looking at a Capital Improvement Plan with the Planning Board, as they do not wish to continue to raise and appropriate on a yearly basis.

The question was called. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. **Article #16 carries.**

Article #18. To see if the Town of Chester will vote to authorize the Chester Conservation Commission to utilize Town Forest funds for timber management, habitat management, easement monitoring and trails creation and management on Town-owned properties.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee does not recommend)

Article #18 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Chuck Myette identified himself as chair of the Chester Conservation Commission. He explained that the Town Forest Fund had been established in 1983. There was about \$9,000 in the fund until a few years ago, when funds from timber cutting began to be

added. Currently there is approximately \$20,000 in the fund. The Conservation Commission would like to clearly identify for what activities the funds can be used.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere stated that the Budget Committee did not recommend passage of this Article as town Counsel had recommended that all fund movement go through the Board of Selectmen.

Greg Lowell identified himself as a member of the Conservation Commission. He reiterated that the Commission was just seeking clarity.

Conservation Commission Member Andrew Jeans stated that passage of this Article would not change how the funds are handled; the Town had previously approved that process.

Mr. Myette asked Budget Committee Chair Rhonda Lamphere to clarify her statement.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere deferred to the Board of Selectmen or Town Counsel.

Gordon Green, Town Counsel, stated that the Town had created the fund, and that monies come from revenue generated by the Town Forest. The Warrant Article did not specify how much money should be used, and how it should be used. There is already a line item in the budget.

Mr. Myette stated that he was confused by this reference, as the Town Budget and the Town Forest Funds are two totally separate items.

Attorney Green stated that any expenditure the Town makes must be appropriated and specified in the Warrant Article.

Mr. Lowell reiterated that these funds were in a totally separate account from funds in the Town Budget. He stated that the Commission was not planning on spending any money at this time, but they would like it clarified what they could spend it on.

Camilla Lockwood stated her impression that the Commission was not planning on spending any money at this particular time.

Budget Committee Member Costine asked that the Commission just come up with a figure and amend the Article; Mr. Myette suggested \$1. The Article was amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town of Chester will vote to authorize the Chester Conservation Commission to utilize Town Forest funds for timber management, habitat management, easement monitoring and trails creation and management on Town-owned properties, *and raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) for that purpose.*

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere stated that this was not comparable to the Town Budget Line Items, and asked if the Commission was now limiting themselves to only

spending one dollar. She also asked if they said, for example, \$9,000, and that wasn't spent, if those excess monies would need to be given to the general fund.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was inconclusive. A show of hands was requested and counted; the hand vote was in the affirmative. The amendment to Article #18 carries.

Budget Committee Member Chris Hadik wanted to confirm that adding a dollar figure to this article would ensure that, if carried, the clarification had gone through. Attorney Green confirmed that that was indeed the case.

Mr. Myette stated that the Commission wished to create easement documents. He estimated the necessary cost to be \$3,000, and moved to amend the amended Article to read as follows:

To see if the Town of Chester will vote to authorize the Chester Conservation Commission to utilize Town Forest funds for timber management, habitat management, easement monitoring and trails creation and management on Town-owned properties, *and raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for that purpose.*

The motion was seconded.

Andrew Hadik stated that he supports this amendment, and that it does not cost the Town anything.

Mr. Lowell asked if this \$3,000 figure would be considered part of the 10% rule. Attorney Green stated that it would.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider confirmed that any monies not recommended by the Budget Committee would fall under the 10% rule.

The question was called as to the second amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The second amendment to Article #18 carries.

The question was called as to the Article as amended; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #18 carries.**

Article #19. To see if the people of the Town of Chester will vote to authorize the Selectmen to increase the Town Forest to include the so-called "Herrick wood" off Parsonage Lane, map 4, lot 62 and the so-called "Hatton Property" off Norton Road, map 7 lots 60-2 and 61.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

The article was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Chuck Myette stated that both Herrick Wood and the Hatton Property had been donated to the Town to be used as timber property.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #19 carries.**

Article #20. Spring Hill Farm Maintenance and Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) for the purpose of maintenance and repairs of Spring Hill Farm.

(Tax Impact 0.02 cents)

(Selectmen do not recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

The article was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Budget Committee Vice-Chair LaPorte stated that Miss Church, the farm's donor, did not want the farm to be an economic burden to the Town. There is \$50,000 in private trust funds available to be used for this purpose. He believes that Miss Church's intentions should override those of the trustees.

Chuck Myette stated that the Farm is town owned property, and that there is an operational side vs. a building/maintenance side. The operational side still exists and is paid out of revenue and the trust; the building/maintenance side consists of jobs such as painting, step repairs, and materials to maintain the building. This article is meant to address that side of the equation.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #20 carries.**

Article #21. Backhoe Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) for the purchase of a backhoe in lieu of the Town's continued leasing of a backhoe.

(Tax Impact 0.05 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the town has been leasing a backhoe for many years.

Bob Packard stated that a subcompact tractor with backhoe attachment costs approximately \$23,000, and asked what sort of backhoe the Town would be getting for \$30,000. He was concerned that the backhoe would not receive proper maintenance.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider replied that it was a used backhoe in good condition with approximately 1900 hours. A contractor is currently liquidating his equipment.

John Coleman asked for the new Road Agent's opinion.

Michael Oleson stated that he was in favor of the article. A building would be needed to house it, but the Town would save money by putting a Town Employee in the backhoe.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that there are maintenance funds in the budget for equipment maintenance.

The question was called; the voice vote was in the affirmative. **Article #21 carries.**

Article #13. Wason Pond Dam Reconstruction & Repair

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to repair and to reconstruct the Wason Pond Dam in order to satisfy the requirements identified by the Dam Safety Engineer of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services.

(Tax Impact 0.45 cents)

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee does not recommend)

Article #13 was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

After some calculations, Selectman Landau reported that there was \$118,278 left that could possibly be raised and appropriated under the 10% rule. He moved to amend Article #13 to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)* to repair and to reconstruct the Wason Pond Dam in order to satisfy the requirements identified by the Dam Safety Engineer of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services.

The motion was seconded.

Selectman Landau stated that he had been in touch with Dam Engineer Jeff Tucker at Dubois & King. The original estimate for \$250,000 was a maximum that might be necessary. The dam is over 75 years old and will never meet modern criteria. A repair plan needs to be developed. A base plan should cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The minimum figure given by Dubois & King today is \$190,000. \$75,000 will cover the finished/completed engineering plan for the Department of Environmental Services (DES), which will satisfy them for a year, and some repairs. The Town is still looking, with the help of a professional diver, for the pipe that empties the pond. Next year more funds may be needed. If nothing is done, DES may ask the Town to take out the dam and turn the area into a swamp.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the plan for the money consists of three parts:

- Emergency Repairs
- Create Plan & Minor Repairs
- Finish Work

A petition was received with the required five signatures to have this article decided by a paper ballot.

Selectman Landau thanked everyone who had come to aid and protect the Wason Pond Dam.

Budget Committee Member Costine stated that the letter from DES was dated September of 2006, but that the Budget Committee had never seen it before today.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider stated that the Engineers had been negotiating with DES, and that the Board of Selectmen had been keeping the Budget Committee up to date as best they could as soon as they had any information.

The question was called as to the amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The amendment to Article #13 carries.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere moved to amend Article #13 to add that a cost estimate and scope of work must be received, and in writing. She would like the Budget Committee to be able to review those items before monies are expended. The motion was seconded.

The question was called as to the second amendment; the voice vote was in the affirmative. The second amendment to Article #13 carries.

The question was called; a paper ballot was used.

Yes 63 / No 26

Article #13 carries.

Article #22. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

(Selectmen recommend)

The article was read, moved to the floor, and seconded.

Selectman Landau stated that he had received requests to move Town Meeting to Friday or Saturday in the future to avoid work conflicts. He asked for a show of hands, which appeared to be split approximately 50/50.

Budget Committee Member Costine stated that that had been tried once before, but it turned out to be beautiful weather and there were very few attendees at Town Meeting that year.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider thanked departing Selectman Leroy Scott for his service to the Town.

Board of Selectmen Chair Weider thanked the Townspeople for coming to this year's Town Meeting.

Budget Committee Chair Lamphere stated that the Budget, as written, had increased 9% over last year's budget. With the carried Warrant articles, the total budget is \$3,638,271, an increase of 16% over last year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded. The voice vote was in the affirmative; so moved. The 2007 Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:58pm.

A True Copy.

Attest:

/s/ Barbara L. Gagnon
Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra H. Doda

Selectmen's Report

It is our privilege to report this year's achievements and expressions of community spirit realized in our Town. Firstly, we would like to thank all of our volunteers, committees, employees, and citizens whose heartfelt commitments and caring contributed to the betterment of our town. Secondly, we wish to acknowledge that each individual is welcome to bring forth his/her talents and participate good-naturedly in our community-building process. Our community, like all families, faces economic, structural, and other challenges on a daily basis that will continue to require an atmosphere of our townspeople coming together. Again, thank you to all who have helped shaped the Town of Chester as a place where responsibility, thoughtfulness, and reciprocity in caring is common.

While we started the year with concerns about the Town's financial status, it was soon determined that we are sound and have a significant fund balance in line with the requirements of the Department of Revenue Administration. Our necessary property reevaluation revealed few major discrepancies and subsequently, a limited number of appeals. This allowed for monies that were set aside for appeals to be used to satisfy requirements, such as the fund balance as mentioned above.

Examples of the generosity of our townspeople were realized in numerous gifts and improvement projects that were completed by individuals, some of whom wish to remain anonymous.

- A sparkling, new vehicle was kindly donated to our Fire Department and contributions were received toward a fire, off-road vehicle and trailer.
- Our Chester Seniors magnanimously donated a generator for use at the Community Center in order to provide for short-term emergencies.
- Recreation, through the arrangements of Karl Lennon, was the recipient of a donation from Coca-Cola of a new basketball scoreboard in the Multi-purpose Room.
- Through Eagle Scout Projects, the Municipal Building was improved with a lovely Granite Sign (pictured below) and the installation of a new, cement walkway to the Multi-purpose Room.
- Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area had several successful projects including new bridges and restoration of buildings.
- The Village Cemetery was enhanced by the placing of a flagpole with solar lighting, a patio assembly area, and a bench in dedication of our long-devoted and sorely missed Colonel Richardson D. Benton.

- Our townspeople generously gave to the Chester Historical Society in the form of two Windsor chairs to be dedicated in the memory of our local historian, Evelyn Noyes, who sadly was taken away from us this year.
- Many of us attended a tribute to the Town by our well-known, artist-in-residence Tammy Grimes and, again, we will miss her neighborly presence.
- Through the concerns and appreciations of Chester residents who work for companies such as Walmart, we were able to honor our local servicemen and women who are defending our liberties, freedoms, and national values.

We have been recognized numerous times by our State, Municipal Organizations, and even other communities in various forms.

- Our Transfer Station has won awards and grants from the New Hampshire Resources Recovery Association. The-New-Hampshire-the-Beautiful Grant was awarded to the Transfer Station in the form of \$2500.00 for a compactor. The Department of Environmental Services, Used Oil, awarded us a \$2500.00 Grant for the purposes of rebuilding the Transfer Station's used oil storage facilities.
- The Town of Chester was awarded a \$10,000 Moose-Plate Grant from the NH Department of Cultural Resources to replace the copper gutters at our historical site, Stevens Memorial Hall.
- And finally, Hilary Hall, who last year was awarded the NH Local Government Center's 17th Annual Volunteer Award, applied for and received a \$2500.00 Seniors Wellness Initiative Grant.

We will continue, as is noted in our individual reports, to apply for and accept grants to improve our quality of life and our community.

Traditionally at our Town Meeting, we award dedicated, loyal employees with a symbol of our grateful appreciation. Again, several will be receiving awards at our Town Meeting this year.

In keeping up our structures, the slate roof at Stevens Memorial Hall was repaired. Contracts have been let for new roof gutters, painting and design of a new front porch. All of this is in preparation of celebrating the 100th anniversary of a precious gift to our Town.

The Ruth Ray building, home of our Post Office, has had repairs to the chimney, an installation of a chimney liner, and an oil tank replaced in accordance with recommendations from our oil provider for fuel oil delivery. (This building was named in memory of Mrs. Ruth Ray who lived in the apartment above the post office and who also donated the building for our library.) This work was done in order to continue the Post Office use of this facility. Along with the Chester Congregational/Baptist Church,

Stevens Memorial Hall, and the Ruth Ray Building comprise our unique center and grace Chester's beauty, simplicity and charm.

At our last Town meeting, funding was established to replace or repair the heating systems in the Municipal Complex (our former school). To date, the system in the Multi-purpose Room has been replaced with an energy-efficient system. A considerable savings has been noted already. Shortly, we will be going out to bid for the main boilers to do the necessary work when the heating season is over. We should see an equal savings with more efficient boilers and a system that requires less maintenance.

Our in-ground, 10,000-gallon oil tank has been inspected and a new alarm system developed in order to comply with the Federal EPA and State DES standards. We also had the Multi-Purpose Room certified as a Red Cross Shelter for use in times of disaster.

Our acquisition of the property known as Wason Pond Conservation/Recreation area several years ago, has continued to provide us with challenges and many volunteers who have answered the call. As previously stated, the Chester Seniors arranged for and gave a generator to the Wason Pond Community Center on Rt. 102. Although this is not an approved Red Cross Shelter for disaster, it is a place where citizens can congregate during power outages and short-term problems that may beset us. Recently, it was determined that the oil tank that services the community center had developed a leak. This has been replaced and plans are moving forward to convert the old bathroom for handicap accessibility.

In speaking of bathrooms, many of you may be aware that thieves and vandals did damage to the old campground bathhouse on the other side of the pond. Our insurance will be covering some of the damage to this cement block building. However, after consideration of several different plans, we have decided that we can convert this building to year-round use with little or no appropriations from the town budget and in keeping with the provisions of our insurance settlements. This will enable additional use of the property and will provide proper sanitation disposal.

After the floods of the last few years, the dam at Wason Pond suffered some damage. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Dam Bureau Division, rates this dam as one of low liability, but still is concerned with the structural integrity of it and the surrounding walls. They are requiring that this dam meet the State's specification of one foot of "free board" about the surface of the dam and pond. We have worked with DES Engineers and the Engineering firm of DuBois & King to come forth with two satisfactory solutions. DuBois & King, who has represented the Town in other matters, has several professionals that are experienced in designing and rebuilding dams. We have contracted for plans that will be used for bidding purposes as well as Permit Applications from the State. Both have assured us that we are moving in the right direction so as to complete this project in a timely manner.

During the course of this year, several changes have been in our services. With the resignation of the Building Inspector, the Board of Selectmen initially hired a consulting

firm to supply the necessary services. One individual supplied to us, Bob Flanders, was a huge help in both the hiring of a new building inspector and the appropriate duties. A Committee was formed and, although the group would have liked to hire a full-time building inspector, it was realized that a part-time person with the proper qualifications would save tax dollars. The outcome:

We wish to welcome to our work force Tom Malley, a man with thirty (30) years of experience, credentials from numerous states, and expertise in code enforcement, public health, and conservation, as well as building inspection background. Tom will have office hours that are conducive to the homeowner as well as making himself available for builders and developers. We believe during these economic times, this will be sufficient for the needs of Chester. As things change, the Board of Selectmen and the Inspector's office will reevaluate the office needs of the Town.

The transition has also continued in the Assessor's office. Jean Packard has taken over more of the responsibilities from our paid consultants. She has continued to take classes, and probably, many of you will see her driving throughout our town as she updates our assessment information.

We will also see changes in Public Safety, both the Police and Fire Departments, as we slowly transition to departments that can accommodate a resident population that does not always work within the town.

Lest we forget, we must heartily thank and commend our Administrative Assistant, Pat Martin, who has handled our affairs with cheerfulness and dedication. She has applied for numerous grants with success, handled welfare matters, reassembled our files and put together this Town Report, as well as other important documents, to name just a few of her duties. We hope that you all have the opportunity to interact with this lady who has truly adopted our town.

Finally, we have strived to provide honest government for the least possible cost. The betterment of our community happens through economic participation, public service, volunteer work and other products of community spirit that we attempted to capture in this report and throughout the Town Report. For your active citizenship and the opportunity to serve our Town, we, the Selectmen, thank you.

The Chester Board of Selectmen

Michael A. Weider, Chairman
Stephen O. Landau, Vice Chairman
Jack Cannon
Mark Harris
James Hassam

*Pictured Right: Granite Sign
Eagle Scout Project of
Chris Pierson
(Photo Courtesy of Linda Mansur)*



Town Clerk's Report

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. The office has been busy as the Town continues to grow. This year my office has registered over six thousand cars and collected over nine million dollars in property taxes.

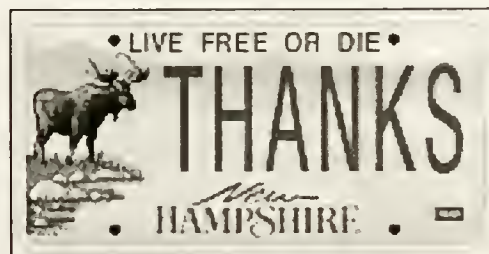
With the computer system up and running as it should, most people did not have to stand in line for hours to get their cars registered, as they did in the past when we first got the new State system, the only hold up was when the State did not have your information in their system but as time goes by that is happening less frequently than before. Since the State has not updated the Motor Vehicle system for over twenty-five years, I think it went pretty well. The next new hurdle will be when the State has us using the new printers. They are changing from a DOS printer to a laser printer and that may slow us down for a short time again as they work out the bugs; but with your patience, we will get through that also and that should be the last major change for a while.

I want to thank you for your kindness and patience during the year. It makes my job a lot easier; and as I have always said, we have so many wonderful people in this Community; and even though we are growing, I know that the people will always be as kind as they are now. If anyone needs help with something, please call me and I will see what I can do to help you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk
Linda Mansur, Deputy

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, and Thurs. & Fri. 8:00am – 12:30pm
Tues. 8:00 – 12:00pm & 12:30 pm – 3:30pm
E-mail address: chester9@gsinet.net



Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist have registered 278 new voters between July 1, 2007 and mid February, 2008. We have also removed 71 voters who have moved bringing our new total to 3,146 registered Chester voters.

Several times a year we hold sessions for the correction of the checklist. This is when we register new voters and, at times designated by state law, we are able to make party affiliation changes.

We post these dates at the Town Offices, the Post Office, in the Tri-Town Times, on the Chester cable channel and on the Town Sign in front of Stevens Hall at the center of Town. We hope to have this information on the Chester website soon.

Voters are also able to register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office during her office hours. Please bring a birth certificate, passport, naturalization papers, etc. as proof of citizenship and a driver's license, etc. as proof of residency.

If you need to contact the Supervisors of the Checklist, you can leave a voice message at 887-4344 or you can send an email to **chestercs@gsinet.net**. Please be patient waiting for a response as the Supervisors work on an "as-needed basis" and do not keep regular office hours.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us make the registration and election processes go smoothly again this year.

Barbara Hatch, Chairperson, 2010

Dianna Charron, 2011

Karl Knudsen, 2008

*Pictured Right is the new, fiberglass flagpole with solar light situated on a new patio for ceremonial use at the Village Cemetery and center of Town, all installed as an Eagle Scout Project by **Mike Olszewski** of the Boy Scouts of America.*

*Photograph Courtesy of
Linda Mansur*



Finance Department

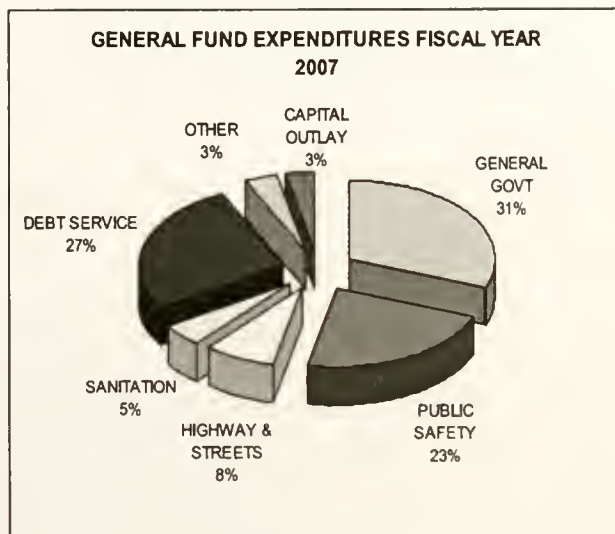
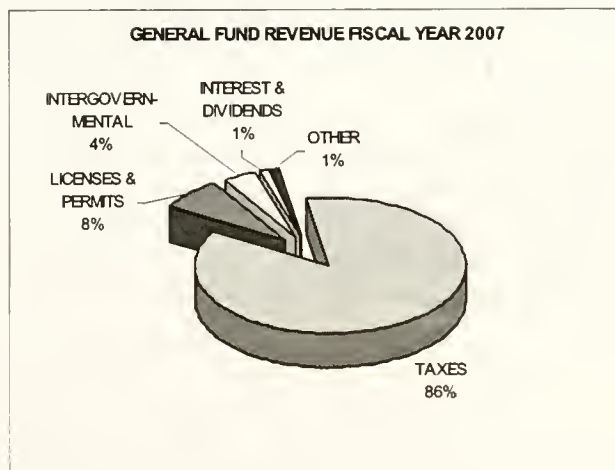
The audit for the year 2006-2007 went well with minimal audit findings and no material audit adjustments. The general fund ended the year with a surplus of \$574,000 up from \$186,000 the year before. Growth can be attributed to the Town's dedication to sound fiscal administration.

The Finance Department has seen several changes over the year. Our Finance Director, hired in November 2006, left the Town in June 2006. As a result, the Town hired Municipal Resources, Inc to fill the position of an Interim Finance Director. As Interim Finance Director, I bring to the Town over 15 years experience with government accounting and auditing. I have been on board with the Town since the summer and assisted with the year-end close, the audit, and the upcoming budget.

In addition, the bookkeeper left the Town in January 2008, and we have hired a temporary, part-time replacement. Over the upcoming months, the Town will re-focus its efforts on the finance office and secure permanent employees to oversee the Town's finances. I will continue to serve as Finance Director and assist in the recruitment process to find the best candidates for the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

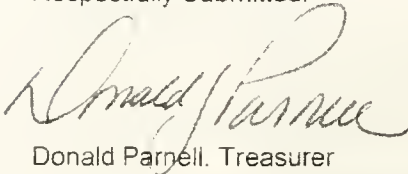
Sheri L. Rockburn, CPA
Interim Finance Director



*Town of Chester
Treasurer Report
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007*

	Balance July 1, 2006	Net Transactions	Balance June 30, 2007
General Account	\$236,785	(\$19,170)	\$217,615
General Fund Investments	\$1,278,102	\$1,605,004	\$2,883,106
Conservation Commission Forrestry	\$9,009	\$12,722	\$21,731
Conservation Commission Rollover	\$6,108	(\$5,907)	\$201
Conservation Commission	\$577,924	(\$382,656)	\$195,268
Police Special Details	\$4,698	\$263	\$4,961
Police Drug Forfeiture	\$0	\$782	\$782
Road Bond Fund	\$210,551	\$5,370	\$215,921
Recreation Department	\$61,519	(\$14,152)	\$47,367
Public Access Community Television	\$24,812	\$4,562	\$29,374
Offsite Account	\$72,466	(\$18,570)	\$53,896
Total	\$2,481,974		\$3,670,221

Respectfully Submitted.


Donald Parnell, Treasurer

Trustees of the Trust Funds

As your Trustees of Chester's Trust Funds, we meet regularly throughout the year to monitor the performance of the funds invested in the Town's trust and capital reserve accounts and to ensure that funds are invested in accord with the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the Town's investment policies.

In addition, we make certain that new funds are invested promptly and properly, and that payments are made to beneficiaries of the funds in accord with the stipulations of the individual funds. Finally, we file annual reports with the State of New Hampshire and provide complete information on the funds to the Board of Selectmen through the Town's financial director, to the Town's Budget Committee and to the Town's auditing firm. A copy of the State Report is published elsewhere in this Town Report for your review.

The Trustees are advised by an accredited professional financial firm in managing the investment of the Town's funds. During the past year, we selected a new adviser for the funds, Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, which is represented locally by The Telge Companies of Manchester. This move enables the Town to consolidate all of its funds with one institution and ensures that the Town receives prudent advice and responsive and efficient service at competitive rates for the investment and management of its trust and capital reserve funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Elliott
Colin Costine
Matthew Stover

Assessing Department

www.chesternh.org/assessing

email: chesterassr@gsinet.net

Phone: 887-4045

The Assessing Department has undergone some significant organizational changes during this past year. Our current town employee, Jean Packard, has completed the needed training and has assumed much of the property inspections duties. This has allowed the Department to reduce its need for outside contracted services.

Municipal Resources, Inc. continues to be our contracted assessing firm, but now performs only the more advanced assessing procedures that are needed. The primary member of the Municipal Resources staff working in town continues to be Scott Marsh.

A limited listing of assessments can be viewed online at the town website, (www.chesternh.org/assessing). We are currently working on building a database that would enable the public to search our property database by different criteria via the internet. We are hoping to have this web search option up and running by late summer, so keep checking back periodically for the updated information.

The Assessing Department has been continuing to work on the newly created assessing standards implemented by the State of New Hampshire. Chester has been set for re-certification by 2010. At that time, the town's assessments will be reviewed and updated to reflect the current ratio-to-market value. Chester's assessments were last updated in 2006.

It is asked that all town residents support the town's efforts to keep your assessment up to date by alerting the office to any changes or problems with your property. It is requested that if the appraisers come to your property, you support our efforts to keep assessments equitable and correct by answering their questions and allowing them to measure and list (describe) your structures.

The following is a listing of types of Property tax credits and Exemptions the Town of Chester offers to residents. The Veteran's Standard Tax Credit is now available to more Veteran's due to a change in legislation several years ago. The qualifications and service dates were expanded to include more members of the armed forces. The new qualifications are also included in this report. More information and downloadable applications for all exemptions and credits can be found on the State of NH, Department of Revenue website.

As always, we encourage all taxpayers to come in and review your property card and be aware of any changes that may or may not have happened to your assessment. The assessing department is open Monday thru Friday to answer any questions you have on any of the above topics, as well as, timber tax, excavation tax or current use taxation.

Assessing Department TYPES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS / CREDITS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

off assessed valuation

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATION	ASSET LIMITS
\$110,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of:	Not in excess of
\$140,000	75 TO 79	\$30,000 Single	\$300,000
\$170,000	80 AND UP	\$60,000 married	excluding the value of the residence and up to 2 acres of land

Taxpayer must also be resident of New Hampshire for 5 years and own and occupy real estate individually or jointly. If real estate is owned by spouse, they have to have been married for at least 5 years.

PERMANENTLY DISABLED

off assessed
valuation

\$110,000

Same income and asset limitations as elderly exemption. Taxpayer must be deemed disabled by The Social Security Administration and receiving benefits.

BLIND EXEMPTION

off assessed
valuation

\$30,000

Every inhabitant owning residential real estate, and who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department.

Veterans Credits

Surviving Spouse
Tax Credit

\$2,000

The surviving unmarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28.

**Service-Connected
Disability**
Tax Credit

\$2,000

Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214, and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person if such surviving spouse has not remarried

Standard
Tax Credit

\$500

Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident

Qualifying Awards for the Veterans' Tax Credit For Wars or Conflicts after May 8, 1975

List provided by NH State Veterans Council

Any of the following medals shall be considered a "theater of operations service medal" for the purposes of qualifying a veteran for the Veterans' Tax Credit in RSA 72:28. Typically, the medal will appear on the discharge papers (such as the DD214), except for those who earned the medal, but were discharged prior to the award. There must be documentation to qualify.

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal

In addition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the award of the following decorations shall also be considered evidence of a veteran's combat service and qualification for the Veterans' Tax Credit:

Reference: "V" Device: "V" stands for Valor, and it is awarded to denote combat service.

If so specified, the medal must have the "V" Device to be valid.

- Air Force Cross
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award **with "V" Device**
- Air Medal **with "V" Device**
- Army Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Bronze Star Medal **with "V" Device**
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Aircrew Insignia
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Joint Service Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Medal of Honor
- Navy Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Navy Cross
- Purple Heart
- Silver Star

Current as of: April 25, 2005

Website www.nh.gov/revenue/property_tax references this list and the Veterans Qualifying Discharge Papers list.

Planning Board

Contact: Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Coordinator
Phone: 887-5629

The Planning Board has been busy this past year meeting four (4) Wednesdays a month reviewing applications and updating town planning documents. This year the Planning Board has three (3) Zoning Ordinance amendments.

Last year the legislative body in Chester voted to adopt the Open Space Subdivision ordinance. The Planning Board has to date received two (2) applications utilizing this land use tool. The Open Space Subdivision ordinance has created a new three (3)-step application process, which can involve abutters earlier in the subdivision process if the developer chooses to notice abutters for the design review phase. Both applicants have chosen to do so. By noticing abutters in this phase, your concerns can be addressed early in the process, which results in a more thoughtful resolution to your concerns because the “clock” isn’t ticking for the Board to make a decision and, the developer saves engineering costs because of fewer changes to the plan. At a minimum, abutters must be noticed for final approval of the plan.

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) continues to reach out to Chester offering general information regarding issues with a regional impact resulting from growth pressure. SNHPC continues to assist the Planning Board by updating planning documents and keeping the Board informed of changes in the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP).

SNHPC offers professional planning services that the Planning Board will utilize on an as-needed basis. The Planning Board, with assistance from SNHPC, has completed the update of the Town’s Capital Improvements Program and is currently working on developing a Local Source Water Protection Ordinance. The town’s ordinances and regulations can be viewed on Chester’s website [chesternh.org] by clicking on Planning Board.

The Planning Board will continue to take advantage of the services provided by SNHPC in the year ahead, particularly its professional planning services given the impending widening of I-93 and its expected impact on Chester. Chester has two (2) representatives to the SNHPC, Jean Methot and Cynthia Robinson. They attend monthly meetings.

Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)

The Planning Board will be receiving fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from CTAP of which \$3,000.00 will be used to fund a feasibility study for an Impact Fee Ordinance

and the remaining \$12,000.00 will be used to develop the Impact Fee Ordinance should the study justify one.

The second year, CTAP money (\$10,000.00) will be awarded for; 1) collaborative projects between towns that are part of CTAP and 2) implementation of an innovative land use technique, implementation of a recommendation from the Community Assessment or 3) priorities related to the CTAP goal area as approved by the Steering Committees. Unused funds from the first year can be combined with the second year project.

For more information regarding the I-93 widening project, please visit www.rebuildingI93.com

Planning Board Activity

Subdivisions

- Approved Subdivision Applications (Residential) 3
- Approved Lot Line Adjustment Applications 3

Locations

Smith Road
Haverhill Road
Candia Road
Lane Road
North Road, Sandown

- Lots created 7 Single-family homes
- Site Plan Review Applications (Commercial) 0
- Home Business Applications 2
- Scenic Road Applications 1
- Design Review Applications 1

Revenues

- Total Revenue (applications, etc.) \$ 4,334.00
- Total Special Off-Site Improvement Account \$53,896.01

Completed Off-Site Projects (Off-site money expended)

Towle Road, Town Farm Road, Tenney Road,
Rod & Gun Club Road, Penacook Road
and Lane Road \$32,453.80

Proposed Off-Site/Other Projects

(Money available)

Old Sandown Road	(reconstruction/paving)	\$ 9,628.53
Harantis Lake Road	(culvert)	\$21,308.17
Candia Road	(roadside work)	\$ 6,180.15
North Pond Road	(intersection of Rt. 102)	\$ 6,184.06
Fire Department	(generator)	\$10,090.12

Other Board Activity

Local Source Water Protection Program

Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) has been awarded funds to assist three (3) New Hampshire towns in developing a Local Source Water Protection Plan and Chester is one of the towns. These plans require a municipality to inventory its water resources. These may be defined in terms of threats to water quality from pollutants, the need for public/private water supplies and demands from competing water uses, such as recreation, wild life habitat, hydropower production and fire protection. New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) states that the natural resources section of the Master Plan should include a local water resources management and protection plan RSA 4-C:22.

Updating of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The Planning Board finalized the Capital Improvements Program and adopted it on December 15, 2007. With the adoption of the CIP, SNHPC can move forward with the feasibility study for an impact fee ordinance.

The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen when preparing the municipal budget will also use the CIP.

Ongoing Planning Board Projects

- Update Subdivision Regulations
- Update Site Plan Review Regulations (commercial)
- Feasibility Study for Impact Fee Ordinance (Planning Board received a grant)
- Develop an Impact Fee Ordinance (Planning Board received a grant)
- Improvement to the intersection of North Pond Road and Rt. 102
- Develop a storm water management plan (Planning Board received an \$8,000.00 grant)

Coffee Klatch and Round-Table Discussion

Out of the forums in which Planning Board members participated, the Board learned that the public wished to have more communication with the Planning Board. From this need the *Coffee Klatch* was born. The Coffee Klatch is held in conjunction with the Chester Town Fair on the first Saturday following Labor Day. The Coffee Klatch is held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Office Building prior to the start of the parade. During this period, Planning Board members are available to hear your thoughts as to the direction in which you would like to see Chester grow. All Town Departments and Committees are invited to participate in this event and lend their ideas and expertise.

On the second Wednesday in October at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room the Planning Board conducts a *Round-Table Discussion* where the Board presents to Town Department/Committees and the general public, the path they will be following for the next year.

**Proposed Zoning amendments in the order they will
appear on the ballot**

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amend the title of the current Table 2 to read Setbacks and No Clearing Buffer Zones, create a section in Table 2 for clearing of driveways and to add footnotes referencing where the Exeter River is described and where No Clearing Buffer is defined.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Adopt Article 13 – Growth Management with amendments to Section 13.3 Maximum Sustainable Growth to allow for a more timely determination of the maximum growth rate.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amend Section 4.8 – Farming by adding a new Subsection 4.8.2 – Best Management Practices to read as follows: “4.8.2.1 - Livestock shall not be penned, tied or housed within a one hundred (100) foot protective radius around a residential well nor shall manure be stored within such a radius.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 4** as proposed by petition of the voters for the town to amend Table 2 as follows:

“Table 2, Setbacks, No Cut and No Clearing Zones” so that all Exeter River setbacks and buffer requirements are the same as those currently required for Wetlands and Ponds, Creeks & Streams. Adoption of this amendment will establish consistency for setbacks and buffers applicable to all designated sensitive and prime wetlands. [The Planning Board does not recommend adoption and disapproves of this zoning amendment]

Copies of any of these amendments are available in the Planning Board Office, Town Clerk's Office and Selectmen's Office during regular business hours. Questions about these amendments should be addressed to the Planning Board Office.

The Board welcomes any questions and input regarding its ordinances and regulations. The Board meets on the first, second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room at the Chester Municipal Office Building starting at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in becoming a Planning Board member should attend Planning Board meetings and express their interest to Board members.

The Planning Board Office is located at 84 Chester Street, Room 5, in the Municipal Office Building. The Planning Board Office hours are per the schedule set by the Board of Selectmen.

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FAX: 887-4404
E-mail: chstrpl@gsinet.net
Website: chesternh.org

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Planning Board

Richard Snyder, Chairman
Evan Sederquest, Vice Chairman
Andrew Hadik
Camilla Lockwood
Michael Weider, Ex-Officio

Michael Jung
Brian Sullivan

Staff

Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Coordinator

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is made up of volunteers from our community and acts in a quasi-judicial capacity. The Board has a hearing when an applicant wants relief from our zoning regulations as applied to his property. After listening to the facts and evidence in the case, a determination is then made.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had 12 applications or actionable items to process from July to February during the 2007-2008 budget years. Variances are now in two categories, one being a use variance and the other is an area variance. To distinguish which variance you may need, our administrative secretary can assist you. Additionally, the Board accepts applications for special exceptions, equitable waivers and appeals from administrative decisions.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will continue to be frugal with our budget without sacrificing quality or service to our residents. Hopefully, we will operate this year without a deficit, if we continue at the present pace.

The Zoning Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall. The office hours are presently 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Wednesday and Friday. Applications can be picked up in the ZBA or the Building Inspector's office or can be printed on-line from the Town's website. If you have questions, you may contact the office at 887-4343.

We are looking for **two interested individuals** who want to serve as Board members. The individual must have some knowledge of our zoning ordinances and be fair and impartial in hearing applications. If you are interested in joining this quasi-judicial Board, please contact the Board of Selectmen.

I wish to thank the following Board members for volunteering their time in serving the Town of Chester.

Kevin Scott, Vice Chairman

Billie Maloney

Rick Snyder, Planning Board Representative

Charlotte Lister, Alternate

Dr. Joseph Hagen, Alternate

I wish to thank Janet Boyden, the Administrative Assistant, in taking care of day-to-day operations. She does a great job in keeping all the Board members informed of court decisions and in handling residents with their applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Methot, Chairman

Road Name Advisory Committee

The Committee met very infrequently during the past year.

The Committee does not meet on any regular basis; however, the meetings are open to the public and every effort is made to post timely notices at the town offices and post office.

Road names in Chester are based on criteria laid out in the Town Ordinances. Committee members research historic names and locations and enjoy lively conversations about their appropriateness and applicability to Chester. This year the Committee reviewed these criteria and made some changes and updates which should enhance the choices available in the future. These changes will be presented in the 2008 ordinance book.

Evelyn Noyes, Founder



Sadly, the Committee has lost a long-time member, Evelyn Noyes. Evelyn was one of the founders of the original Road Naming Committee and an invaluable resource with respect to historical significance and relevance when any new road needed a name. Although Evelyn had been an ex-officio member for several years, Chair Judy Balk relates that when she visited Evelyn, Evelyn would ask about any new subdivisions being built and in which quadrant they were sited. Even at 104 years old, she never lost interest or stopped keeping track of her Town. She will be greatly missed.

Anyone wishing to inquire about a road name or offer a name for consideration should contact Judith Balk (887-2536) or Camilla Lockwood (887-3271). Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. The Committee continues to seek new members, having reluctantly accepted Greg Lowell's resignation.

Volunteer applications may be obtained at the town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Balk, Chair

Colin Costine

Ex Officio: John Colman and Evelyn Noyes

Camilla Lockwood, Liaison, Planning Board

Ann Parnell, Vice Chair

Greg Lowell

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or the Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Chester during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which were attended by Chester officials;
2. Conducted traffic counts at 14 locations in the Town of Chester and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Board Chair;
3. Prepared, printed copies, and attended Public Hearing for adoption of Capital Improvement Program;
4. Prepared proposal to evaluate feasibility of Impact Fees for the Planning Board;
5. Coordinated Flexible Road Design Standards and Amendments to Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings, which were attended by Chester officials;
6. Coordinated and facilitated region-wide Water Supply Task Force meetings on May 19, 2007 and October 17, 2007, on proposed Groundwater Studies, which impact Chester;
7. Worked on Source Water Protection Plan for the community;
8. Represented the interests of the Town on the CART Board of Directors and the CART Executive Committee;

9. Facilitated discussions regarding Rockingham County Economic Development Plan held in Derry, which was attended by Chester officials;
10. Prepared and distributed a Community Planning Assessment of the Town's policies and regulations to the Chester Planning Board as part of CTAP project;
11. Hosted New Zoning Board Member Training on February 29, 2007, which was attended by Chester officials;
12. Sponsored three Planning Forums: Food Security and Agricultural Sustainability on October 9, 2007; Energy Sustainability on November 5, 2007; and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on April 19, 2007;
13. Adopted, printed, and distributed copies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan to Chester officials;
14. Hosted a Legislative Open House in Concord for Legislative officials on March 20, 2007;
15. Participated in regional economic development discussions with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding Metro Center, which was attended by Chester officials;
16. Facilitated and coordinated the Conservation Commission Institutes, including Wildlife Action Plan, Natural Services Network, Open Space Planning and Conservation Easements, on June 21, 2007, September 20, 2007, and November 29, 2007, which was attended by Chester officials;
17. Coordinated review process for proposed developments of regional impact affecting the Town;
18. Digitized land use based on 2005 orthophotography into a GIS database for all of the SNHPC communities;
19. Provided basic planning assistance to the Chester Planning Coordinator as needed; and
20. Facilitated a region-wide Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting on October 30, 2007, which was attended by Chester officials.

Chester's Representatives to the Commission

Jean G. Methot

Cynthia J. Robinson

Executive Committee Member

Jean G. Methot - Treasurer

Cynthia J. Robinson

Village Cemetery

Report of the Trustees 2007

This past year the Village Cemetery Trustees worked with the Selectmen to maintain the Village Cemetery and the Sanborn, Raymond Road and North Chester Cemeteries. There is a good deal of stone maintenance, fence painting, and gate repair to be worked on this year. We have been notified of three more cemetery lots that must be located and fenced in. This year, the Trustees have decided to subcontract the mowing as well as spring and fall clean up of our cemeteries.

The Trustees would like to thank Eagle Scout Michael Olszewski and members of Troop 168 for the newly installed block patio and new solar spot light for the American Flag flying at the center of Town at the intersection of 102 & 121 where Veterans' Day and Memorial Day ceremonies are celebrated.

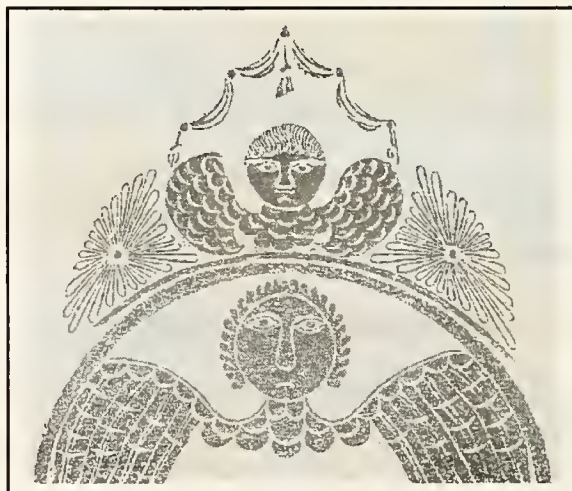
The Cemetery Trustees would like to thank David Hoffman for his years of unwavering dedication to the Village Cemeteries, handling all facets and responsibilities by himself for a good number of years until new members could be elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Village Cemetery Trustees

Steve Child, Chair	2011
Geoffrey Barnett	2010
Aaron Mansur	2009

*Example of New England Grave Art Work
Carved in 1800's*





Chester Police Department

Report for Calendar Year Ending 2007

The year 2007 was a very busy and exciting year for the Chester Police Department and there were many changes. After twenty years of dedicated service, Chief Al Wagner retired. I would like to thank him for the assistance and training he has given me during my last 14 years here as an Officer with the Department. I am proud to say that I was appointed the new Chief this past July. I will make every effort to provide the services, and protection that you deserve as taxpayers and residents. I thank you for your continued support and invite you to stop by or call any time.

Patrick Tridenti was hired as our new Full-Time Officer and has successfully completed the Police Academy's 144th Full-Time session. Aaron Berube was hired as a Full-Time Patrol Sergeant to replace my former position, coming from the Raymond Police Department with over five years of Full-Time experience. I am happy to have these two fine Officers on board. In addition, the Department employs eleven Part-Time Officers who bring several years of time and experience to the Town. These Officers have full-time jobs and families, but commit themselves to the Chester Police Department and I greatly appreciate what they do for the Department and the community. I would also ask that you keep Officer Jered McGuire in your thoughts and prayers as he is currently serving in Iraq as a Military Police Officer.

Chester Police Officers continue to train in many areas in order to provide the services that the taxpayers and residents deserve. Deadly Force, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, CPR, First-Aid, Taser, and on-line courses are just a few of the many courses offered by the Police Standards and Training Council as well as the Chester Fire Department, with whom we have a great relationship. I feel that the proper training, equipment, and compensation are essential in keeping the town of Chester safe as well as to retain the Officers that dedicate their services to the Town.

The Chester Police Department had an increase of Calls for Service from 2006 to 2007. The number of weapons, drug, alcohol, and domestic related calls being answered by our Officers has been increasing. These calls are dangerous, stressful and require the proper training and experience to handle. We have been extremely fortunate to have no Officers injured on duty this past year. The Chester Police Department hopes to continue to move forward in its mission to provide 100%, twenty-four hour, seven day a week coverage to the community. By doing so, we can take the strain off the State Police and neighboring Departments who often provide mutual aid.

The Chester Police Department will continue to update training and equipment in order to keep our officers and the community in tune with the latest requirements.

The Chester Police Association as well as the *DARE* program continue to foster positive relationships with the residents and youth of our community. I am proud to say that I have been instructing *DARE* in our school for twelve years. We also continue to host several Boy Scout and Girl Scout meetings in our training room and sponsor local teams and organizations every year. The Chester Police Department is a "kid friendly" department and we encourage the young people to be involved in keeping their community a safe and fun place to live.

In closing, I would ask that you continue to support **your** Police Department. We are here for you and we could not do what we do without a strong partnership between the Police Department and the citizens of Chester.

Sincerely,

William Burke, Chief of Police

Full-Time Police Officers

Aaron Berube, Sergeant

Patrick Tridenti, Patrolman

Part-Time Police Officers

Leonard Leclair, Sergeant

Vaughn McGillen, Patrolman

Scott Haggart, Patrolman

Harold Gardner, Patrolman

Nelson Ortega, Patrolman

Richard Belanger, Patrolman

David Hargreaves, Patrolman

Anthony Maccarone, Patrolman

James Hargreaves, Patrolman

Jered McGuire, Patrolman

Vaughn M. McGillen,

Administrative Assistant



*Photo on left:
William Burke is sworn in as
Chester's Chief of Police*



Chester Police Department

Highlights Of Calendar Year

January 2007 to December 2007

Total Number of Incidents Logged	2,698
Sexual Assaults / Sex Offenses	5
Assaults	20
Criminal Threatening/Harassment	36
Citizen Assist	494
Police Information	95
Burglaries	20
Thefts	41
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	62
Forgery / Fraud	8
Drug Violations	18
Weapons/Explosive Violations	12
Arson	1
Bad Check Violations	5
Disorderly Conduct	11
Driving While Intoxicated	11
Protective Custody	5
Alcohol Violations	13
Trespass Violations	28
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2
9-1-1 Calls	43
Alarm Activations	184
Suspicious Person / Incident calls	147
Noise Complaints / Disturbances	42
Hunting Complaints / Violations	3
Aide to Fire Department	108
Aide to Law Enforcement	79
Juvenile Problems / Services	29
Paperwork Services	89
Vacation Notice	130
Animal Control	208
Motor Vehicle Complaints	114
Motor Vehicle Crash Reports	97
Arrests	91
Restraining Orders Logged	41
Citations Issued / Parking Tickets	262
Warnings Issued	966
Pistol Permit Applications	80
Weapons Sales	12

Telephone Numbers:	9 – 1 – 1	EMERGENCY
	887-3229	24-Hour Dispatch
	887-2080	Unattended Business Line
	887-2090	Fax
	E-Mail	<u>chesterpd@gsinet.net</u>

Chester Police Department Station, 84 Chester Street, Chester



Fire Department

In case of emergency call 911

For permits and all other Fire Department business use the following numbers:

Weekdays call the Fire Station at 887-3878.

Nights and weekends call the Duty Officer phone at 365-7184.

The station is staffed during the weekdays in staggered shifts by two full-time Firefighter/EMTs from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

E-mail: chesterfire@comcast.net

In keeping with the trend of the last several years, the number of emergency calls we responded to have gone up. In 2007, we responded to 483 calls. 213 of these calls were medical or rescue related calls. 229 of them were fire related calls. We had 41 HazMat calls. Our 2007 call volume represents a 20% increase over calls reported for 2006 (402). 2006 call volume compared to the previous year 2005 (355) was a 13% increase.

I would like to thank the members of the Chester Fire Department for their dedication to the department and the residents of our town. Our members provide the town with on-call coverage for emergency calls, commit to training every week, and many volunteer their time at the station. The Chester Fire membership is now at 38. We have 22 EMTs; of these 11 are EMT-Basics, 10 are EMT-Intermediates, and 1 is a Paramedic. 14 of these members are also certified Firefighters. Several more of our members are currently in the process of earning their certifications as EMTs or Firefighters.

Last year, the Town approved the hiring of a second full-time Firefighter/EMT for station coverage during the week. I am pleased to welcome Kevin Wunderly, a career Firefighter/EMT-I from Raymond as our second full-timer. Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting Kevin since he was hired in November 2007. Kevin has quickly become an asset to the Chester Fire Department.

Our Tuesday night training program has continued to provide members with regular skills training for both Fire and EMS. Several members attended a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) Drill hosted by Sandown Fire and a grant-funded MCI class hosted by Auburn Fire this year. Chester Fire hosted several training sessions in which neighboring towns participated, including a National Fire Academy class "Calling the Mayday" and training with the NH State Fire Academy burn and maze trailers. Our focus for in-house training this year has been to build teamwork and strengthen basic skills both in the areas of fire and medical. Through a grant from the state, members of Chester Fire received National Incident Management System (NIMS) training.

During last year's Town Meeting, the residents passed the funding needed to update the roadside emergency numbering signs for the Emergency 9-1-1 program. Posts and numbers were purchased. In November, volunteers started installing the posts on the Fremont Road/Jennifer Drive end of town. Once the ground thaws, we will continue to install the posts throughout town and put up the new signs. An informational postcard will

be sent to all residents to reinforce the program and explain the ordinance that enforces the presence of these signs.

I would like to thank the many residents who supported Chester Fire through generous donations to the Chester Firefighters' Association. Two basement pumps and a rescue boat were among several items purchased with donations instead of tax dollars. Volunteers constructed the new vestibule at the firehouse. A single resident donated funds specifically for the purchase of a new vehicle. We were able to purchase a 2008 Expedition Command Vehicle, which has a command cabinet in the back designed, built, and donated by Custom Woodworking of Brentwood at Edward's Mill. This Command Vehicle replaces the old Crown Victoria. I would also like to thank Chief Bill Burke and the officers of the Chester Police Department for continuing to support a strong working relationship with Chester Fire. The professionalism and teamwork that results provides a better outcome for the safety of our residents.

We are continually looking at sources for grant funding to strengthen our programs and reduce the tax burden for our residents. Through in-house grant writing, we've applied for three grants this year. We received a Forestry grant from the state to be able to purchase 25 pairs of wildland firefighting pants.

The Smokey the Bear sign out on Route 102 was changed this past year to make it easier for residents to know if burn permits are being issued. I would like to remind our residents that a burn permit is required for *all* outside fires whether they be a brush pile or in an outdoor pit or chiminea. Burn permits allow you to burn after 5pm until 9am. If it is actively raining or there is snow on the ground, you may burn during the daytime hours; however, you still need to obtain a permit. For full details of the ordinances for burning, please see the Chester website.

The demand for permits and fire inspections has continued to grow. On-site inspections of gas and oil heating systems, chimneys, woodstoves, sprinkler systems, life safety and daycare are available as necessary. A new fee schedule was implemented in 2007 producing revenues through the Department, which can serve as funding to our Fire Prevention and Safety programs.

It is our vision to grow the Fire Prevention and Safety programs to meet the demands of our town by providing better access to the public. The Chester Fire Wire has been published throughout the year to inform residents of seasonal safety issues and communicate Department happenings, as well as provide a lesson geared towards the children. This newsletter is sent home to each family with children at Chester Academy. We also provide copies to the public at Town Offices, the Library, and Wason Pond Recreation Center. You can also access the newsletter on the town's website www.chesternh.org. We will continue to provide programs at Chester Academy for Fire Prevention Week. Some of the programs we are actively pursuing funding for are a fire extinguisher training program and a smoke detector program.

The members of Chester Fire are proud to be actively involved in the community through our sponsorship of the Red Cross blood drives, Bike Helmet program, CPR and First Aid classes, the Boating Safety class and our participation in town fair with our Training Trailer. We will continue to support many other organizations in our town by providing tours and education upon request. We welcome residents to contact us at any time.

For the Chester Fire Department,
Chief Richard Antoine

Chester Fire Officers

Chief:	Richard Antoine	Lieutenants:	Rob Wolinski
Deputy Chief:	Jack Cadieux		Jamie Hassam
Captain:	Mike Willinsky		Kim Sheil

Chester Fire Membership

Jared Arsenault	Ben Clark	Ken LeClair	Tony Rossignol
Abigail Bellemore	Colin Costine	Mark Munroe	Colby Sabutis
Eric Bellemore	Mike Doucette	Robert Murphy	Craig Schifferdecker
Rich Bellemore	Eric Emerson	Erin Newnan	Kevin Scott
Greg Bolduc	Brian Gregson	Scott Newnan	Ted Scott
Tim Boynton	Jim Hoffman	Justin Oteri	Hank Wagner
Jim Brown	Christopher Lamy	George Pinault	Kevin Wunderly
Lori Child	Chris LeClair	Jon Robertson	



Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17), a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact their local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May, the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend.

Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

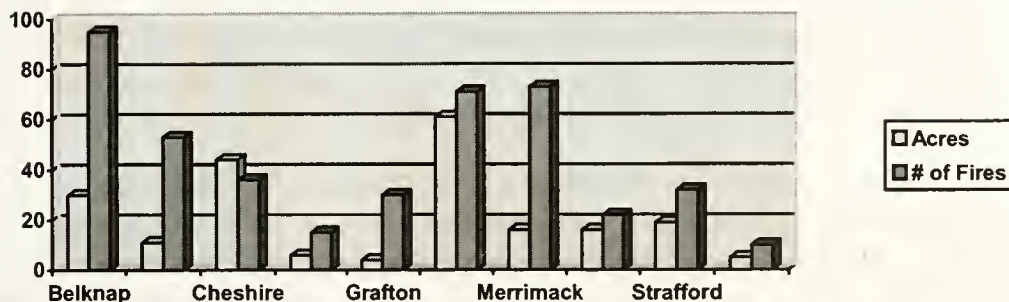
2007 Fire Statistics

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



Causes of Fires Reported

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Campfire	38	2006	500	473
Children	22	2005	546	174
Smoking	41	2004	482	147
Debris	197	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119			

*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

Richard Antoine, Fire Warden
887-3878

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Building Inspections / Code Enforcement Department

Hours – Tuesday and Saturday 8 to 4

Night Office Hours – Thursday 6PM to 8PM

(603) 887-5552 (office) (603) 887-4404 (fax)

Permits issued for 2007 (Approximate)

New Dwelling Units 17

Commercial Permits 5

Home Improvement 90

Also, many permits have been issued for driveways, electrical and plumbing.

The Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Department within the Town of Chester has gone through many changes during the past fiscal year. These changes also bring to the department new personnel, office hours and higher expectations. One major change within the department will be in the area of *Code Enforcement*. There is great hope and promise for the future of more in depth Code Enforcement Actions resulting in *compliance* of all issues brought forth by the utilization of *RSA 676:17-b* to its fullest:

676:17-b Local Land Use Citations; Pleas by Mail. – A building inspector or other local official with authority to prosecute an offense within the scope of RSA 676:17, and who, prior to or at the time of serving the summons, elects, pursuant to RSA 676:17, V, to charge the offense as a violation, may issue and serve upon the defendant, in addition to the summons, a local land use citation as set forth in this section. The defendant receiving such a citation may plead guilty or nolo contendere by mail by entering that plea as provided herein. If such a plea is accepted by the court, the defendant shall not be required to appear personally or by counsel; otherwise the defendant shall appear as directed by the court.

In closing this department will like to inform the citizens of Chester that as of August 17, 2007 the following codes were adopted as law within the State of New Hampshire under *RSA 155-A* as follows:

IV. "New Hampshire building code" or "state building code" means the adoption by reference of the International Building Code 2006, the International Plumbing Code 2006, the International Mechanical Code 2006, the International Energy Conservation Code 2006, and the International Residential Code 2006, as published by the International Code Council, and the National Electric Code 2005. The provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this definition shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes listed in this definition.

Respectfully submitted;

Thomas J. Malley
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Highway Safety Committee

Contact: Police Chief William Burke
Phone: 887-2080

The Committee met throughout 2007, in the Conference Room of the Chester Police Department. Residents from different sections of Town are still needed as volunteers on the Committee. It is important for the Committee to have a variety of viewpoints from throughout the Town on road issues.

Highway safety issues discussed throughout the year were as follows:

1. Review of turning issue at the intersection of North Pond Road and Route 102.
2. Halloween proves to be a large event with a number of traffic safety issues.
3. The Committee reviews motor vehicle crash reports that have occurred on Town roads over the past year.

Members of the Committee monitor the school bus evacuation drills held at Chester Academy. A report of this Committee's observations is sent to the school and bus company following the drills.

Projects that receive funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency must directly relate to problems or to potential problems that have been identified through the analysis of available traffic record data.

The Committee strives to achieve the goals set forth in our Mission Statement and meet the requirements set forth in NH RSA 238.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Highway Safety Committee:

Chief William Burke, Police Department
Chief Rich Antoine, Fire Department
Gene Charron, State Representative
Charlotte Lister, State Representative
Jack Cannon, Selectman
Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Board
Michael Oleson, Road Agent

Road Agent

I would like to start by thanking all of you who voted for me and I hope I can win the confidence of those of you who did not. Now let me tell you what is happening.

After the recount, I went to the Road Agent's mailbox to find a pile of Request-for-Action forms for removing beaver dams, patching potholes, repairing washouts and dirt roads, which kept me busy for two to three weeks. I also met with FEMA to finalize the damage evaluation caused by the spring floods.

We hired two new workers, one full-time and one part-time. They do the bulk of the maintenance on your roads, which includes cutting brush, cleaning culverts, removing beaver dams, patching potholes, fixing dirt roads, picking up trash, replacing signs and plowing snow. Webster Lane and Warfield Road were paved with a binder coarse, using road bond funds.

In the fall of 2007, a road evaluation was prepared on thirty-five roads. Hopefully, this will give the Town a baseline to start a road reconstruction plan. Surveys and plans for East Derry Road and culvert replacement on Fremont Road were completed and are ready to go out to bid.

This winter -- need I say more? We plowed and we plowed and we plowed! My special thanks to the plow crew that helped me get through my first winter as your new Road Agent. I hope the service we provided was satisfactory and all could reach their destinations safely. Because of such a severe winter, our funds are limited until July 1st. Please be patient as we repair winter damages.

This year's large projects (with your support of warrant articles) are to repair East Derry Road and culverts on Fremont Road and to move forward with additional engineering for Lane Road and future road improvement projects.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Oleson
Chester Road Agent

*Pictured Right
are our Highway
Department
Employees,
Andrew Higham
and
Cabot Howard
in front of the
Town's Backhoe*



Recycling & Solid Waste Committee

As always, we would like to dedicate this report to the residents of Chester committed to preserving the environment and reducing taxes by recycling.

For 2007, the facility's waste stream totaled 908.5 tons, of which 376 tons were recycled. Of these 376 tons, 282.5 tons were kitchen* / household recyclables (see the list below). The average cost of recycling these materials was only \$1.25 per ton, versus \$96.23 per ton for the compactor waste disposal. As a result, *the recycling program resulted in a net savings of at least \$27,185.* This is an impressive number considering the total disposal cost of the waste that went into the compactor was \$51,280.

Overall, *41.3% percent of the Transfer Station waste stream was recycled.* Congratulations are due to all citizens who have participated in the program because we are meeting the 40% recycling goal set for all municipalities by the EPA and State. This is an important accomplishment and one to be proud of. Let us continue the good work in the future!

Summary of Recycling Tonnages:

Newspaper*	44.8 tons
Magazines*	29.0 tons
Mixed Paper*	71.2 tons
Cardboard*	42.1 tons
Scrap Metal	79.2 tons
Co-mingled Cans*	7.6 tons
Aluminum Cans*	3.6 tons
#1 & #2 Plastics*	19.1 tons
Mixed Glass*	65.2 tons
Tires	2.2 tons
Car Batteries	1.6 tons
TVs & Computers	4.2 tons
Used Motor Oil	5.9 tons

Total: 375.6 tons

(*kitchen / household recyclables)

(Note: When combining all expenses, the entire recycling program actually made a profit of about \$7,745, or \$20.62 per ton.)

The Committee continues to support increasing recycling and decreasing waste disposal costs. The current consensus still is that we have reached the practical limits to the complexity of the program. We therefore do not anticipate any significant additions or changes to the commodities recycled in the future, unless mandated by law, or some other opportunity for significant cost savings arises.

We have noted that over the last few years the Transfer Station's annual waste stream tonnages do not appear to reflect the Town's continued growth. One explanation is that many new residents are not fully aware of the Transfer Station facility and the relative convenience it provides for residents. Some have chosen to have additional expenses by paying independent contractors for curbside disposal or dumpsters. We would like to take this opportunity to invite new residents to visit the facility and meet our staff. Come and take advantage of what your taxes pay for. The facility is open to the public on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In closing, we would like to encourage any citizens with constructive ideas for improvements or who are interested in serving on the committee, to please talk to one of our Transfer Station staff or contact the Office of Selectmen at 887-4979 for information about joining our committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hadik
Bonnie Healey
Lloyd Healey
Barbara King
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison



Lloyd Healey, Transfer Station Operator, receives grant for the Town of Chester for \$2,500 towards the purchase of a Plastics Compactor from John Dumais, President of NH the Beautiful Board. [Photograph Courtesy of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA)]

Wilcomb Townsend Trust Fund

Annual Report

7/1/06 – 6/30/07

These funds are available to Chester residents of any age to help with fuel, medications, or other necessities. We also offer help to anyone interested that qualifies in obtaining Life Line through the Rockingham County Community Action Services. We have certificates from Walmart to help with prescription costs. We do accept donations and 100% of donated funds go directly to help citizens of Chester. Contact any Trustee with questions about either donating funds or requesting assistance.

		Trustee Fd	Donated Fd	Total Fd
7/1/2006	Beginning Balance	\$0.00	\$1,763.67	\$1,763.67
	Receipts	\$5,851.22	\$10,209.52	\$16,060.74
	Disbursements:			
	Fuel & Utilities	\$220.28	\$1,492.14	\$1,712.42
	Annual Filing Fee	\$75.00		\$75.00
	School Assistance	\$825.00	\$475.00	\$1,300.00
	Certificates	\$4,714.54	\$235.46	\$4,950.00
	Postage	\$16.40		\$16.40
	Total Disbursements	\$5,851.22	\$2,202.60	\$8,053.82
6/30/2007	Ending Balance	\$0.00	\$9,770.59	\$9,770.59

Trustees:

Cynthia Tunberg	2008
Genevieve Rowell	2009
Dianna Charron	2010
Barbara Dolloff	2011
Lisa Oleson	2012

Recreation Commission

The Chester Recreation Commission is a volunteer committee responsible for many of the town facilities and recreational programs. The facilities are managed in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the maintenance programs. This past year the Recreation Department has focused on the continuation of existing programs and the expansion of recreational programs for all age groups.

For more information on Chester Recreational Programs and Activities please visit our web site at http://www.chesternh.org/recreation_main.htm.

The Recreation Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Recreation office located in the Town Office Building. The Commission is always interested in volunteers to assist in the rapidly growing recreational needs of the community. Chester Residents are encouraged to attend our meetings to gain an understanding of the ongoing work of the Commission. The Recreation office can be reached at (603) 887-5773.

Programs & Activities

Summer Program

The six-week Summer Program begins the first full week in July. The program consists of guided children's activities, sports, and crafts as well as weekly field trips. All Chester children from kindergarten to 12 years of age may attend.

One afternoon a week, supervised field trips for children ages 12-15 are offered.

Registration forms are distributed through the school, library, Town Hall and the Recreation office. These will be available at the end of May 2008. There is a modest fee for this program, but no child will be turned away for financial reasons.

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area

The first phase of our plans to add fields at Wason Pond has been completed. The new roadway has been created to make more field space available.

This recreation area provides the residents with a place to fish, swim, skate, canoe and kayak; trails to go walking, hiking, snow-shoeing, cross country skiing and places to picnic; fields for sports teams.

Chester Academy held cross-country meets here. Chester Recreation holds an annual Fishing Derby the first weekend of June and a cross-country race in September.

The Seniors, Brownies, Girls Scouts, and Boy Scouts, a healing circle, needle crafters and the Lions Club all now utilize space in the Community Center.

Basketball Program

The Chester basketball program continues to grow, thanks to the effort of the basketball committee. The program consists of co-ed instructional programs for 1st and 2nd graders, inter-league play for the 3rd through 8th graders, and pick-up games for high school

teens. Chester basketball hosted its annual Holiday Tournament that was a huge success. This program uses the Multi-purpose room and/or Chester Academy gym five nights a week and all day Saturdays.

Soccer Club: "Chester Soccer... it Kicks"

The soccer program sponsors U6 through U12 teams. The teams hold practices and games on the town fields and during their spring season at the Sportszone in Derry. The program is growing fast and now has over 170 members. For more information you can visit the web site at <http://www.chestersoccer.com/>

Lacrosse Club

Lacrosse for girls sponsors teams in the U11 through U15 age groups Lacrosse sign-ups took place in February and March. Chester's long range plans will be to start its own boys' program when the number of children and volunteering parents reach the appropriate number to field a sufficient number of teams.

For more information you can visit the web site at <http://www.ourleaguesite.com/>.

Adult Aerobics and Yoga

Come see our new facility next door to the DREAM room!

Adult aerobics classes have been running since the fall of 2001. These classes are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 in our new room. The classes run in six-week sessions and are taught by certified aerobic instructor Nicole Murphy. The program is a combination of step and low-impact aerobics designed for beginner through advanced participants. The program is offered for men and women, as well as older teens, in a combined class environment.

Yoga is offered 2 days a week and has morning, afternoon and some evening classes. The program, directed by Rhonda Woodward, Certified Kripalu Yoga Teacher, is designed for both beginner and experienced students. The "Gentle/Moderate Class" is offered to those new to yoga, the "Moderate Class" is available to those who are familiar with asana. In either class, students will use yoga postures, breathwork, and relaxation techniques to quiet the mind, strengthen and lengthen the muscles of the body, and move the inner self towards stillness.

A new senior exercise program will be offered in the spring. Thank you Hillary Hall for obtaining the grant to begin this wonderful senior program.

DREAM (During Recreation Everyone Achieves More)

DREAM in its fourth year. This program provides after school recreational opportunities for some 20 +/- Chester students. DREAM uses its beautiful new room next door to the Police Station and the Multi-Purpose Room. It consists of time spent in "round table" discussions, eating a healthy snack, outside or multipurpose room for high-energy activities. It offers a place to do crafts, activities or homework. Numerous field trips have been added to the program.

Projects

Playground at Wason Pond

Thanks to the Mom's Club, the playground at Wason's Recreational Area is still a popular place. The Recreational Commission is working to keep it in good condition.

Other

Multi-Purpose Room

The Multi-purpose Room is scheduled by the Recreation Commission and is open for use by town residents. There is an application and approval process coordinated through the Recreation Coordinator. Several recreational programs use this facility, including basketball, baseball, floor hockey, softball, dances, the DREAM after school program and the Chester Mom's Club. As it is a shared town resource, the Recreation Commission is working with the Board of Selectmen to address maintenance issues with the floor. Updates to the room include a new furnace, a new scoreboard, walls patched and painted and some replacement of tiles. The Multi-Purpose room is an invaluable resource that is truly one of the busiest rooms in town!

Staff

Daily responsibilities of the Recreation Coordinator include scheduling town facilities, coordinating field space and usage requests, conducting sign-ups for a variety of Recreation-sponsored programs, supporting the DREAM program, planning, coordinating and implementing new programs, working with the summer program. Much time is spent trying to efficiently run the facilities within the means of our budget. Our recreation Director has been actively working to improve our facilities. Some of our improvements are: added two usable rooms in the back of the building, resealed and leveled the ice rink and added basketball hoops, cleared drains on the town fields, raked and leveled the town beach, and clean up of the recreation areas.

2008 Plans

We will continue to oversee all the youth programs presently running. Our thanks to all the countless hours our volunteers have donated to our programs. Consistent with the past eight years, our programs have been growing in size by 20% or more each year. To accommodate this tremendous growth, parent volunteers are encouraged to become involved in these programs. In addition to coaches, there are always administrative, purchasing, maintenance, and other activities to which parents can contribute.

The Commission is continuing to work toward establishing new athletic fields at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area included in the Master Plan for that facility. Field space is very tight at the moment and scheduling practices and games is growing increasingly more difficult. We are looking forward to providing continued Recreational Opportunities in town, and pursuing a reasonable field space development and use plan is essential.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chester Recreation Commission Members,

Ed Karjala, Chairman

Bill Lonergan, Vice Chairman

Linda Royce

Bill Chirgwin

Recreation Coordinator

Stephen Moltenbrey

Katie Orlando



CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chester Historical Society

The Chester Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization that exists to promote the study of the history of Chester, the preservation of history through the collection and protection of historical matter, and supports the continuing education of the community of the Town's ever-evolving heritage.

In January of 2007, the Society once again called upon Architectural Historian, Mr. Christopher Closs. Mr. Closs has been consulted by the Society on many occasions since March 2000, and he also wrote the nomination for Stevens Hall to the National Register of

Historic Places (listed September 10, 2004, narrative available at the Town Clerk office, and Historical Society office). Mr. Closs visited the building for the 1st time since summer 2004, and received an update of some of the maintenance items it sorely needs. Mr. Closs made a presentation to the Chester Board of Selectmen on Thursday, February 8, 2007 with his recommendations, which included:

1. Professional mold abatement throughout building, and especially in basement - black mold exists as a result of the sprinkler leak as well as all of the wall board and wood supports from the former police station that "wick" up excess moisture. The old vault is completely lined with mold, and mold exists behind walls and over ceilings in areas where water has leaked in the past.
2. Remove walls and wallboard (formerly the Police Station) and restore basement walls to original condition (which will remove some of the dampness problems).
3. Replace currently disintegrating rain gutters - leaking water has created sinkholes around the foundation, causing some areas to need repair.
4. Paint exterior of Building.
5. Professionally restore hardwood floors on both levels. Acquire a temporary (one that can be disassembled and removed) dance floor to protect auditorium floor from tap shoes. Repair damage across entire stage floor, refinish, and protect with a layer of vinyl flooring (not permanent, a layer that can be rolled up).

In May 2007, at Town Meeting, you, the voters approved appropriation of \$50,000 to go towards a portion of the above-mentioned items, specifically porch repair, gutter replacement, and exterior painting. The Town also applied for and was awarded in May 2007, a \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant specifically to go toward gutter replacement at Stevens Hall. In addition, the Historical Society drafted a Capital Improvements Plan submitted to the Planning Board for the continued restoration of Stevens Memorial Hall.

The Society continues to sponsor events that will help increase the Stevens Hall Restoration Fund, events that are free to the public such as "An Evening with Lord Timothy Dexter" as portrayed by Historian Paul Jancewicz of Amesbury, MA, and Family Movie Night. Stevens Hall will be 100 years old in 2009, and we hope to celebrate this event beside a rehabilitated building.

October 2007 inaugurated our Bi-Annual fundraising event, "Faire Appraisal," our answer to Antiques Road Show. You may look for that event again in 2009. Our Holiday Front Door Contest was won by the Bent Family on Chester Street, the Brown's on Raymond Road, and the Massiello's on Derry Road. Thank you to all who participated. We hope you had some fun coming up with your festive holiday decor!

Other ongoing projects for the Society include reorganizing, and re-cataloging our archives which are now in the balcony of the auditorium of Stevens Hall. We have reserved time for this project on the 4th Tuesday of the "off" months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct), beginning at 6 PM.

We are also working on the criteria for Community Service Awards to one graduate of Pinkerton Academy (Chester resident) that salutes students who have made a difference to Chester and it's history through their volunteerism and service to Chester. We hope to offer applications for these awards in spring of 2009.

This year of 2008, the Society will host three NH Humanities Council programs:

April 22 - Abraham and Mary Lincoln: The Long and the Short of It

Sept. 30 - NH Cemeteries and Gravestones

October 28 - Witches, and Pop Culture and the Past

We hope that you will put these programs on your family's calendar of "things to do!"

Our one sorrow was the loss of our dear friend and long-time historian, Mrs. Evelyn Noyes. We were blessed to have her in our membership. Her personal history of Chester was our treasure, something that we will never be able to replace. We have received many generous donations in her memory with which we decided to create a "Reading Area" in our home as a memorial to Evelyn. To that end, Mr. Douglas Dimes, Chester resident, and furniture craftsman created for us two Windsor Bowback Arm Chairs and Tea Table. Please take an opportunity to visit us at Stevens Memorial Hall and share our history in honor of Evelyn Noyes.

Of course we will look to see you at the Town Fair in September, a time when we will host our celebrated "Village Cemetery Tour." The Society is always very happy to welcome new members. This is a great time to be a member! Please come to our meetings and see, on the 4th Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), 7:00 PM at Steven's Memorial Hall. Membership is open to all individuals, families. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, we have decided to meet on the 4th Tuesday of the "off" months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct) to reorganize our archives which have been moved to the balcony of Stevens Hall. We need to re-mark already catalogued artifacts, and catalogue and mark recent acquisitions. Much help is needed. For further information visit our website, www.chesterhistorical.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Hall, President

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Chester Historical Society, P.O. Box 34, Chester, NH 03036

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Chester Kitchen

The Chester Kitchen is a small commercial kitchen that the NH State Bureau of Food Protection has certified for use by commercial food processors. The Town of Chester owns the property, which is the kitchen of the former Chester Elementary School, and is located in the back of the Multi-Purpose Room at 84 Chester Street. The Town rents this facility on an hourly basis, which allows any individual, or business that is approved for use by the NH State Bureau of Food Protection (BFP), to apply for and maintain a commercial food license, with the Chester Kitchen as their address. Secondly, Chester organizations and residents, who have priority use of the kitchen, have a better facility in which to prepare foods for events, or non-profit resale.



**CHESTER
KITCHEN**

From a Commercial Food Processor's standpoint (any individual using the kitchen more than 4 times per month, and will sell in retail establishments), this kitchen is perfect for bakers, caterers, and any other type of food product that can be approved by the BFP. From the standpoint of an Occasional Food Processor (an individual who uses the kitchen less than 4 times each month) this kitchen is ideal for one who has lots of fruit to turn into jam, or wants to do a large volume of cooking for a party or non-profit event (If you have rented the Multi-purpose Room for an event, and wish to rent the kitchen, you must reserve the kitchen separately, see contacts below).

The Town of Chester rents the Kitchen on an hourly basis to licensed processors, and unlicensed individuals who wish to use the Kitchen for their private use. Town organizations are exempt from rental fees. During Fiscal Year 2006, the kitchen was used by local organizations on 25 occasions, and to date for Fiscal Year 2007, on 12 occasions.

Fees are collected immediately upon use, and turned over to the Town Clerk for receipt. The Town will take no responsibility for training in food service safety, nor will it provide any marketing assistance. Each processor must provide proof of insurance to use the Kitchen, and to indemnify the town from any liability. All State guidelines regarding food service safety are the responsibility of each processor.

We continue to receive inquiries, and we currently offer hours to the following processors:

Wild Roses Market, DBA Chef Michele - Catering

Lovin' Spoonful Caterers

Crooked Birch Kitchens - Salsas, oils, sauces and jams

Culinary Capers Catering

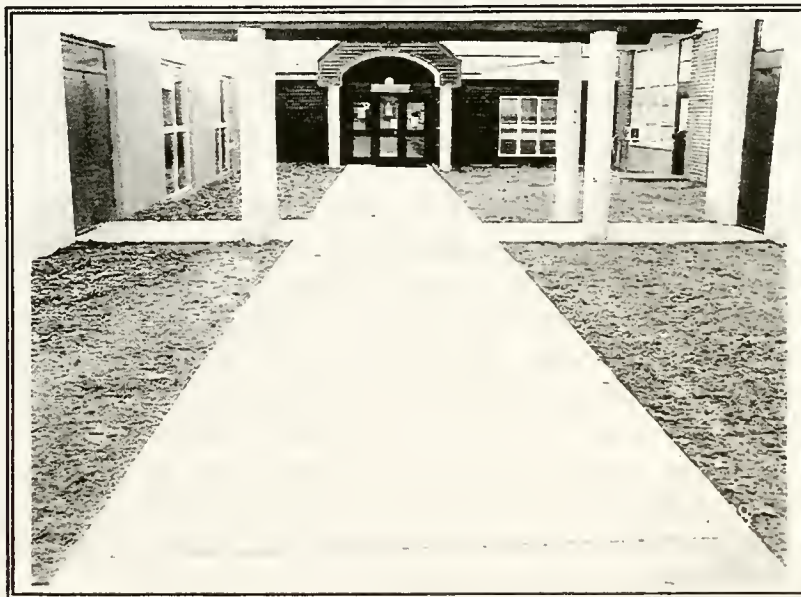
Scamp's Nuts - Gourmet Chocolate Covered Nuts

Marnita's Asian Kitchen - Catering

This Kitchen provides a small revenue stream for the Town with collection of hour rental fees. This year required a couple of minor repairs, replacement parts for the Convection Oven and Automatic Dishwasher, both projects well under the annual budget allowance. In the long run, the Chester Kitchen not only pays for itself, but provides a few extra dollars to the General Fund. Kitchen income from Fiscal Year 2006 was \$645, and Fiscal 2007 to the time of this report (February 20, 2007) is \$545.

To reserve the Kitchen for your personal or your organization's use, please call me at 206-4786, or email chesterkitchen@yahoo.com. All you need to know about your responsibilities when using the Kitchen can be found in the Chester Kitchen Policies and Procedures Handbook, and the application for use can be found online at www.chesterkitchen.com.

Hilary Hall, Temporary Site Administrator



*Eagle Scout Project of Chris Wilson
Installation of New Concrete Walkway
to the Multi-Purpose Room at Town Hall
(photo courtesy of Linda Mansur)*

Chester Public Library

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 3-8pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10-8pm
Friday 1-5pm
Saturday 10-12pm*
(Closed Sat. in June, July & Aug.)
Sunday Closed

Staff:

Melissa Rossetti, Director
Mary Jennings, Aide
Jane Hanson, Aide
Raven Gregg, Aide
Marilyn Rossetti, Sub.
Shannon Russo, Cleaning

As of this writing, your Library currently houses over 46,000 materials. That number will be larger by the time this report actually goes to print. We receive new items on an almost daily basis and we are confident that as your Town Library, we do indeed have something for every one of our 4,800 patrons. We serve not only Chester residents but we also have Chester College students and Chester Academy staff as patrons along with several patrons who pay a non-resident fee to use the Library's services. We also offer cards free of charge to out-of-town residents who work in the Town of Chester.

The Library, aside from supplying all your pleasure-reading needs, also has an extensive non-fiction section. We carry self-help, biographies, history, travel, writing, and gardening books, just to name a few. The Library also supplies a lot of report information to the students at Chester Academy. They rely on us for their annual fourth grade biography report, and eighth grade Washington D.C. report, among many others.

So you can see that the appropriation we receive from the Town coupled with our trust fund interest, money market and patron donations needs to cover quite a broad range to accommodate everyone. Although we are a library, unfortunately, we are not able to spend all of our money on books. We do have to spend a large portion of our money on the building and its upkeep. This includes, but is not limited to, the skyrocketing oil prices, electricity, elevator and sprinkler inspections, and snow removal. We manage to supply the entire Town quite well given the parameters we have to work with. There are some things, however, that will need to be reduced due to non-negotiable costs of utilities, etc. We have been fortunate in years past to receive generous donations from our patrons and from the Friends of the Library group. We cannot, however, budget on the kindness and the frequency of those donations.

We actively fundraise to supplement what the Town appropriates to us and we currently have Library Logo tote bags for sale at \$10.00 each. This money supplements our book budget, which had to be reduced by \$5,000 due to a budget reduction a few years ago and the rising costs of utilities and hardcover books. The appropriation we received last year, which is only a portion of the Library's operating budget, was \$94,772. Divided by the number of residents of Chester, this brings the cost of the Library to only \$20.60 a person on their taxes. The Library is the biggest bargain in Town, as you readers know, new hardcover books cost \$27.95 and up!

For your twenty tax dollars you get internet service, DVD's that you can take out for a week, magazines, story times, adult programs, a 6-week summer reading program for ages 1 to adult. We also have a rapidly increasing book on CD collection for all you commuters. We offer passes to The New England Aquarium, The Currier Museum of Art, The SEE Science center, the Museum of Science, and the Christa McAuliff Planetarium. Some of these passes cost over \$500 a year and if it were not for donations, we would not be able to afford them. As a resident and a patron, they are offered as an extra part of our Library's service to you.

We also offer Fax and photocopying services, and we have drop boxes for the NHSPCA, Lion's Club (for used eyeglasses), cell phones for seniors, and box tops for education for Chester Academy. Aside from our popular summer reading program, which, for the past two years has included a very successful adult program, we offer themed holiday story times and special drop-in theme days. We have celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, Chinese New Year, etc.

If you are a new resident and you have not gotten a card yet, please stop in. We would love to meet you! Anyone 6 years of age and older is eligible for a card. If you have a card but just have not stopped by lately, come on in. We have the latest John Grisham and James Patterson books and CD's for you along with a huge section of cookbooks to jazz up your dinnertime routine. We offer a large children's area complete with videos, pint-sized chairs, puzzles, and stuffed animals. We have an extensive collection of youth fiction, including all the Harry Potters, as well as a large non-fiction section for all those reports or outside interests you may have.

Make this the year you stop in the Library and see what we have for you, you never know, you may pop in on a day we are having a cake or celebrating the history of pretzels! For those who like to plan their visits, we will soon have a website up and running that will allow you to check out all of our events and browse our collection online. Until then, you can still get all our news on the Library's page at www.chesternh.org, The Tri-town times, Derry News, our outside sign, the Post Office, and Chester's Cable TV station.

As always, the best way to find out what we have and what is going on is to come in and see us!

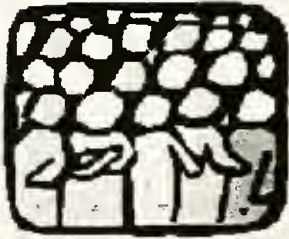
Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Rossetti, Director

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Chester Senior Citizens



**CHESTER
SENIOR CITIZENS**
603 Raymond Road
Chester, NH 03036

The Chester Senior Citizens organization has been around now for over 35 years. We started meeting twice each month at Stevens Memorial Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays with Pot Luck Luncheons on the 1st Thursday, and reserving the 3rd for guest speakers or for an outing. The Chester Senior Citizens is a membership organization, and we are always welcoming new members. Your \$5 membership fee (free for seniors 80+) helps to offset some of our costs (such as supplies, postage, admission to events and/or outings, etc.) In the past 5 years, we have seen our membership grow 25%!

This year of 2008 will complete 5 years of enjoying our home at the Wason Pond Community Center. We have exclusive use of the facility between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, and 9:00 AM – 4 PM on Tuesdays. There is a Senior representative available during those posted hours each day, and you will know we are open by seeing the red, white and blue “OPEN” flag flying from the front porch! We are members of the New Hampshire Association of Senior Centers.

We are always looking for new activities, and currently we offer the following schedule:

- Monday mornings, Tai Chi, afternoon Bingo.
- Tuesday, 10-11 is Coffee Hour, and you will find most of our membership there for visiting!
- Wednesday mornings are open, and in the afternoon Cribbage.
- Thursdays are open for any activity. We have a TV with VCR and DVD, with some movies on hand to watch. We also have two computers with high-speed cable Internet access.

In November 2007, we applied for the NH Senior Wellness Grant in an effort to bring exercise and nutrition classes free to Chester Seniors. We were awarded the full amount of the grant, and classes began on March 3, 2008, and will conclude at the end of June. We hope to be able to continue the programs through additional grants, and through the Chester Recreation Department.

The two evidence-based programs, *Healthy Moves for Aging Well*, and *Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults* were selected. *Healthy Moves* provides specific interventions to promote independence, slow the progression of chronic disease and disability. The twice-weekly classes involve a series of exercises from a seated or standing position. Peer coaches are available for assistance, and Certified Exercise Instructor, Kim Cremins of Chester, leads the exercise routine. *Healthy Eating* is a program for seniors who want to learn more about nutrition and how lifestyle changes can promote better health. The focus of this program is to stress heart and bone healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve participants' wellness and independence and to prevent chronic disease development or progression. The main components of the program include:

- Self-assessment and management of dietary patterns by each participant.
- Goal setting, problem solving, group support, and other behavioral change strategies.
- Education, relying on both group interaction and the expertise of Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, when needed.

Healthy Moves Exercise is at 1 PM on Monday and Wednesday at the Multi-purpose Room.

Healthy Eating Nutrition is at 1 PM on Tuesday at the Wason Pond Community Center

Also in 2008, we hosted AARP's Safe Driver's Course. This was a two-part course, held on March 27 & April 4 from 1-5 PM at the Wason Pond Community Center, 603 Raymond Road, Chester, New Hampshire. The course helps seniors tune up driving skills and update knowledge of the rules of the road, learn about normal, age-related physical changes and how to adjust driving to allow for these changes, reduce traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries, drive more safely.

Our Annual events include:

- Mystery Lunch Date in February.
- Annual Picnic in July.
- Club Birthday Party in October.
- Annual Christmas Party at Stevens Memorial Hall.
- December Cookie Walk Fund Raiser.

The Town is very generous to us, not only allowing the use of the Wason Pond Community Center, but also with its annual contribution to our expenses. We plan 6 outings (day trips) annually, and you can imagine that transportation is the most expensive part of planning the outings. We have voted to car pool when the destination is within an hour of Chester (give or take a few minutes), paying the driver of each car for gas (based on miles to destination). Passenger vans are rented when the destination is an hour and a half or more from Chester, and we continue to rent through Merchant's Motors of Hooksett, as they offer the best rate, which has not changed now for 8 years. We try to negotiate one bus trip annually, and we will be pleased to welcome Pierce Bus Company of Chester to our transportation providers. We preplan all our outings and our budget to be sure that we can keep the cost of outings as inexpensive for each senior as possible. Our outings usually include a bit of history, horticulture, are always a lot of fun, and sometimes a real adventure! Last year we visited:

- Lego Exhibit of Millyard Manchester at Science Center, Manchester, Lunch at Airport Diner.
- Lunch date at the New England Center, UNH, Durham.
- Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA, tour and lunch.
- Wenham Museum and Lunch at Wenham Tavern, Wenham, MA.
- Tour of The Fells, Newbury, NH, Picnic Lunch, and Cruise on Lake Sunapee.
- Casco Bay Lines Mailboat Cruise from Portland, ME, Lunch at Village Cafe, Portland.

- Bus Trip to The Fort at #4 Plantation, Charlestown, NH, Lunch at Sophie & Zeke's in Claremont.
- Annual Birthday Party at Lilly's on the Pond in Rindge, and tour of Cathedral in the Pines.
- Annual Christmas Party, with entertainment from Frank Paolini.

This year we will be visiting:

- C.R. Sparks in Bedford, then a tour of Van Otis Candies!
- Aviation Museum at Manchester Airport, Lunch at Airport Diner.
- Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Lunch at Bull Feeney's, Portland.
- NH Farm Museum, Milton with lunch at Gateway Restaurant, Somersworth.
- Tour Strawberry Banke, picnic at Prescott Park, Portsmouth.
- Winnepesaukee Mail Boat, with lunch at Patio Garden Restaurant.
- Bus trip to Butterfly Museum, Deerfield, MA, buffet lunch, Yankee Candle on return.
- Annual Birthday Party, Wentworth by the Sea.
- Annual Christmas Party, with entertainment from Jose Duddy, "The man with many voices."

The annual contribution from the Town covers all transportation for outings (bus or van rentals, gasoline), the total of the cost of outings (admissions/lunch), or a portion thereof, guest speakers, entertainment at the Christmas Party, and the Annual Birthday Luncheon.

Our newsletter is produced quarterly and can be found in the lobby of the Town Offices and on line at www.chesterseniors.org. Copies may be printed from the website. It includes recipes, book reviews, local news highlights, humor, and more. From our website, you can access our annual schedule, ideas for future outings, and our by-laws. Please take the opportunity to visit! We can be contacted by phone, Mon-Thur., 10-4 at 887-5034, by mail to 603 Raymond Road, Chester, or by email at chesterseniors@yahoo.com.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming new Chester Senior Citizens. Many have joined us this past year. We continue to be very grateful to the Town for their Annual contribution to our organization. It is your continued support that keeps us together, mobile, and young!

Respectfully,

The Chester Senior Citizens

Florence Frazier, President
John Chiaradonna, Vice President
Genevieve Rowell, Treasurer
Leslie Packard, Secretary



Chester Town Fair 2007

This past September 8, 2007 saw yet another beautiful, though hot, day for your Town Fair.

The Fair kicked off as always with a parade that wound its way down to the fairgrounds for the official start of the Fair. Many Chester residents joined local organizations by renting a space to sell their wares or promote their club.

The Library held another successful *cookie walk*, the Historical Society held a cemetery tour and sold some of their Chester items, the Boy Scouts and the Lion's Club were among the vendors keeping the crowds fed all day long. We had entertainment, a smoke trailer, and just a great day of family and community fun.



We capped off the day with another impressive firework display. This year's display was in memory of Chester resident Dan Dwyer who passed away shortly before the Fair. Dan was the force behind the magnificent displays we had over the last several years. This year's group, "American Thunder" worked hard to put on a show Dan would have been proud of and they did so in Dan's memory. It was a great tribute to Dan and a fitting end to the Fair.

This past year was the last fair for organizers Vaughn McGillen and Melissa Rossetti. Vaughn had been running the fair for ten years and Melissa for seven. Hilary Hall who resigned prior to this year's Fair also helped us for several years. We have both thoroughly enjoyed putting on this event for our community and we would like to thank the townspeople for their support over the years. Chester is a small town feeling the strain of growth and bigger city influences and this day is a way to bring our neighbors together for a fun, family-oriented day.

This Fair is a lot of work, and it takes a lot of volunteer hours to coordinate. The money from the space rentals and raffle went towards the Fair expenses of dumpsters and port-a-potties. The donations collected at the end of the firework displays always went to supplement the following years' display as the town appropriates only a portion of the actual cost. We also tried hard to keep the old-fashioned feel to the Fair by allowing farm animals, having a farmers market, and holding a pie bake-off and auction. We always donated the proceeds from the pie auction to the local food pantry so that the Fair continued its tradition of giving back to the community.

The Town Fair is also a day when the local organizations and not-for-profits hold their major fundraisers. We set up the Fair in such a way as to give everyone the best opportunity to have a successful day without having a duplication of his or her efforts at such a small venue. We appreciated everyone's enthusiastic participation whether it was as a vendor or simply as a shopper/spectator.

It is time for us to put our efforts into other groups and endeavors. We know there is a committee slated to run next year's Fair, and we look forward to being able to attend and enjoy the fair purely as spectators!

Respectfully,

Melissa Rossetti and Vaughn McGillen
Former Town Fair Committee Members

Chester Town Fair 2008

The 2008 Town Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2008

This year there is a new group coming together to continue the tradition of the town fair. We would like to thank Melissa and Vaughn for their many years of volunteering. We are hoping that many of the traditions they put in place in years past will continue for this coming year. Some things will stay the same, but we are looking forward to adding some new and exciting changes this year.

Some new events we have scheduled thus far include:

Cow (or horse) plop bingo. Spring Hill Farm has graciously offered to bring back this event to sponsor the Spring Hill Trust.

5K cross country race. The Recreation Commission has offered to sponsor a 5K-road race the morning of the Fair at the Wason Pond.

Another addition we would like to add this year is to have an entertainment tent to provide on-going entertainment for the afternoon. We are hoping for some local musicians to volunteer their time in order to gain exposure. If you know of any local musicians who would like to participate in this years fair, please contact us and we can make arrangements for that to happen.

We are now taking applications for vendors and crafters to reserve their space for 2008. Please see our new website for information on space rental rules, pricing and downloadable application forms.

We are open to suggestions and new ideas, so please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Citizens for the Chester Town Fair
Website: www.chestertownfair.com
E-Mail: townfair@yahoo.com

Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT)

The Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT) exists to ensure that the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Chester and Adelphia (now Comcast) Communications, effective April 1, 2003 through March 30, 2013, operates without incident, and to manage the funds received from Adelphia (now Comcast) as a result of this agreement. Since April 1, 2003, the Town continues to receive franchise fees of subscribers' cable bills (cable TV only, not cable internet per the FCC) in the amount of 1% quarterly. This money is reserved in a special revenue fund, known as the PACT Fund, and is delegated in thirds, for the maintenance of Public (CTV-21) and Government (CGTV-20), and Education (CETV-22) television.



**PUBLIC ACCESS
COMMUNITY
TELEVISION
COMMITTEE
(PACT)**

The PACT committee meets as needed to review the needs presented to them by CTV-20 & 21, and CETV-22. In November of 2007, Comcast completed the necessary installations for the Town to send and receive cablecast from our third channel, GCTV-20, Government Access. After three weeks of publicity, all Town government meetings that have been cablecast on CTV-21 were transferred to CGTV-20. CTV-21 now covers the Public side of local cable access with programming produced locally by CTV-21 by volunteers Dick Godfrey, Hilary Hall, and Lenny Stein, as well as pre-recorded programs received from outside sources, and from our membership in the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media (www.nhccm.com). Occasionally when there is a schedule conflict, there may be times when a local government meeting will be cablecast on CTV-21.

CETV-22, the Education Channel provides live and recorded sports from Chester Academy, other pre-recorded programming, and the monthly School Board Meeting. Their portion of the PACT fund supports equipment expenses that they incur throughout the year. Equipment purchased from PACT funds since April 1, 2003 are the property of the town of Chester, and not exclusive to the Chester School District. Chester Academy has an active Audio/Video Club, and a program coordinator to maintain CETV-22 for the benefit of the Town.

This year the volunteers of channels 20 & 21 and the PACT committee made the decision to make considerable upgrades within the Multi-purpose room of the Town Office Building in order to improve the output of the audio quality for School District and Town meetings that take place there. The associated costs came from the Public and Government portion of the PACT fund, channel 20 & 21 budget. Also from this share of the PACT fund is repayment to the General Fund of telephone, heat and electricity for

CTV-21, thus confirming that Public Access Television in Chester is solely supported through franchise fees.

Public Access Community Television in Chester always welcomes new volunteers. We are happy to guide you through the basic steps to create your own Television Programs. CTV-21 has state of the art digital editing through Avid Express Pro technology that is available for use by volunteers. Some of you videophiles may already have an editing package on your home computers, so if you would like to share your "home movies" of an event that you have recorded, or even your summer vacation, please let us know. If you need some help editing, we will help you. If it is a finished program, we will accept it on DVD for replay. You may contact us at 887-2288, or email pegtalk@chesterpublicaccess.org.

PACT Committee, Hilary Hall - Chair, Bob Grimm - Co-Chair, Dick & Marge Godfrey, Lenny Stein



Fire Dept. gives out helmets to children at Town Fair



Stephen Landau pins Bill Burke as Police Chief at Selectmen's Mtg.

Spring Hill Farm Conservation Area

Spring Hill Farm is a town-owned, working farm with 400 acres of fields, ponds and woodlands that was donated in 1996 by Miss Muriel Church. Miss Church lived most of her years on the farm since a young girl and never did marry, choosing instead a single teacher's life. Being a schoolteacher for so many years, Miss Church realized the impact that the many subdivisions were having on the taxpayers, their associated education cost for the new families, and the loss of open space for the residents to enjoy.

Instead of selling her 400 acres of land to developers and living her last remaining years in luxury, Miss Church chose instead to donate her farm and 400 acres of land to the Town of Chester to help preserve open space and reduce the overall tax burden to the residents. Prior to her death in December of 2001, Miss Church setup a Board of Trustees to oversee the farm's activities and created a small Trust Fund to help defray the daily operational cost associated with the farm. The Trustees are required to use Principal Trust Funds only when necessary and requires unanimous vote by the Trustees.

Currently, the day-to-day operational costs are self-sustaining from rental payments, land leases and the sale of farm-produced products such as hay. Tenants of the farmhouse are expected to maintain the property in a clean and orderly fashion, maintain equipment and perform minor building and fence repairs. The tenant also cares for the farm animals living on the property. The buildings and property belong to the town, not the Trust, and it was agreed upon many years ago by the Selectmen that the town would be responsible for building maintenance and the Trust for its operation.

Miss Church had three wishes for the future of her farm; namely:

- 1) The property be used by the residents of Chester for recreational and educational activities,
- 2) With help from the town and its residents, the farm continues as a working farm for as long as economically feasible, and
- 3) The animals on the property, upon her death, are to be allowed to reside on the farm for their natural lives.

Miss Church continued to live on the farm after donating the land to the town and was always pleased to see the town and its residents take part in its maintenance and repairs. I believe, upon her death, she was content with the knowledge that the town would take every possible step to help ensure that her farm continues to operate, be properly maintained, and that the residents would continue to benefit from her generous gift.

The Trustees, on behalf of the town, would like to offer their appreciation and gratitude to the owner of 1st Choice Floor Products located on Rod & Gun Club Road here in Chester for the excellent work completed on the farmhouse floors. The owner, Ken Parsons, is a Chester resident and with the help of his son donated all their time to strip, sand, repair, and refinish many of the old wooden floors in the farmhouse. It was important to the Trust that the "old" Circa 1850 farmhouse appearance be retained. Ken

and his son spent many hours and weekends restoring the old neglected floors. The floors look great, probably better than they have for over a century.

Springhill Farm may also offer unique opportunities to the community; for example in the past we have leased fields to local farmers for hay and corn production and we were in discussions last year with an organic farmer to lease the fields for production of organic vegetables to market locally. We are also interested in anyone who may be interested in providing hay and sleigh rides. This year we are leasing 10 acres of land to one of our neighbors who is raising Paco Vicunas (see photo). Stop by and see them. I am sure that Dan would be more than interested in talking about them. This is a community farm that we would like to see the community use wisely to promote agricultural and education programs. Anyone who has a great idea for us to consider please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board members.

We do ask that you protect the privacy of our tenant and not enter the farmhouse unless invited and let us know if you need to continue activities after dark.

Respectfully submitted,

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Brad Wamsley, Chair & Treasurer (887-1030)
Chuck Myette, Conservation Commission Rep.
Julia Webb
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Rep.



Wason Pond Commission

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area
(Formally known as – “Silver Sands Campground”)

In January of 2003, the Town of Chester purchased 105 acres of land surrounding Wason Pond for the sum of 1.55 million dollars. The land was purchased with conservation funds, which had been set aside for use by the Conservation Commission to purchase properties and conservation easements. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the expenditure in order to acquire the property for mixed conservation and recreational uses.

A seven-person advisory committee oversaw the writing of the conservation easement, which has been placed on the property to protect it from future development or from activities or uses that would be out of keeping with accepted conservation practices. The committee also hired E. Ann Poole to draft a Master Plan for the property. This Plan outlines the development of ball fields, the reclamation and restoration of the shorelines, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Once this committee had completed its tasks, it disbanded to be replaced by a Commission.

The Wason Pond Commission is composed of nine members representing the following groups:

- Recreation Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Budget Committee
- Board of Selectman
- Community at large

This Commission's role is to provide oversight of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area, to ensure that the Conservation Easement is being followed and that the Master Plan is being implemented correctly, and to provide guidance for future projects and activities in and around Wason Pond.

A variety of projects have been completed in 2007. Over the summer, phase one of the recreation area was completed with the construction of a new driveway and parking lots for the Wason Pond Community Center and the playground area. Aaron Landau completed the residing of the barn as part of his Eagle Scout project. Tommy Cicarello built or rebuilt two bridges along the trails on the backside of the property. A Warrant Article to approve funding for phase two (construction of ball fields) is being proposed at this year's Town Meeting. A Warrant Article to rebuild the failing dam at the end of the pond is also in the works for this coming year.

The Wason Pond trails and beach have seen a significant increase in use from kids involved in the recreation programs, runners, walkers, bikers, swimmers, boaters and

anglers. In addition, the recreation department hosted its first annual Wason Pond 5K trail race in September.

Wason Pond is a beautiful, natural resource. We are very fortunate to have a multiple-use- area such as this that is available for residents at all times of the year.

The Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Town Office building. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Commission

Members:

Baron Richardson, Chairman (Conservation)

Chuck Myette, (Conservation)

Bill Chirgwin (Recreation)

Bill Lonegran (Recreation)

Brad Wamsley (at large)

Jean Methot (at large)

George Noyes (Chester Seniors)

Chris Hadik (Budget Committee)

Mike Weider (Board of Selectmen)



*Wason Pond Recreation & Conservation Area
(Photograph Courtesy of Southern NH Planning Commission)*

Chester Conservation Commission

The Chester Conservation Commission is a seven-member, all-volunteer board appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of state RSA 36-A: 2, which allows municipalities in New Hampshire to establish commissions “for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources.” This work includes preparing maps or plans, “keeping an index of open space and natural, aesthetic, or ecological areas” within the town in order to obtain information “pertinent to proper utilization of all such areas.” The Commission acts as an advisory board to other town and state boards and agencies involved in land use planning and works to preserve open space in Chester.

The Chester Conservation Commission meets on the first and second Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting is a planning meeting only and is not televised. The second meeting is used to review subdivision applications, wetlands permit applications, and other matters presented to the Commission for comment. Both meetings are open to the public and input is encouraged.

The Conservation Commission officers are as follows: Charles Myette, Chairman; Baron Richardson, Treasurer; Camilla Lockwood; Andrew Jeans, Jean Methot, Patrick Connelly, and Jennifer Sullivan.

The past year (2007-2008) witnessed some environmental protection successes and some disturbing trends in land use and preservation in Chester.

Land Conservation - The Strategic Land Protection Commission (SLPC), voted into existence by town residents in order to better protect open space, is an arm of the Conservation Commission and the two boards work together to educate residents on the advantages of placing conservation easements on their property. Easements on land – which limit their future development – and outright purchases of tracts of land are the goal of the SLPC. Funding for these transactions comes from the Land Use Change Tax, which is an assessment of a 10 percent fee on the cost of each house lot on land that was in the State of New Hampshire’s Current Use program.

Last year, the SLPC negotiated and the Commission approved the purchase of the 92 acre Hatton Property which has been designated as part of the Town Forest System. This land will be owned by the Town and protected by a permanent easement against any development. The land will be open for recreation and a timber management plan will be developed. Additionally, the SPLC is in negotiations to help protect land through conservation easements along the shores of North Pond and Ledge Road.

Wetlands Issues – The issue of wetlands continues to be a very sensitive area of concern throughout the Town and how they are protected, abused, and affected by urbanization. Over the past few years, the Conservation Commission has been mapping Chester’s Natural Resources which included the mapping of all wetlands two acres and larger and identifying Prime Wetlands within the Chester Town Limits. Prime wetlands are unique wetlands that meet the requirements of the NH Department of Environmental Services classification and are sensitive environments deserving of protection from the effects of

urbanization. Some of these areas are home to the Atlantic White Cedars that are 300-500 years old, Blackgum trees, and endangered or protected species such as Spotted or Blandin turtles.

Wason Pond – The Commission continues to be an active member of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission. Members of the Commission sit on the advisory board and have two seats on the newly formed commission. The 105-acre WPCRA was purchased with \$1.55 million from the Town's Conservation Fund and is governed by an easement that restricts use to recreation and conservation purposes.

Easement Monitoring- Every easement purchased by the Town or donated to the Town requires ongoing monitoring by the Commission. It is not enough to say that a parcel of land has an easement; it must also be checked regularly to ensure that the terms of the easement are being upheld. The Town now has about twenty easement properties to monitor. Due to the time-consuming nature of this work, the Commission has contracted with organizations such as the Seacoast Land Trust and the Rockingham County Conservation District to perform baseline evaluations on each of these properties, as well as a yearly monitoring program. Currently, this work is funded by a line in the Commission's annual operating budget.

Mandated Easements - As land that is easy for development becomes used up in Chester, developers are increasingly looking at "marginal" lands that have wetlands and steep slopes for development. When the state approves a subdivision on such land, it typically asks for mitigation in the form of easements elsewhere in the development. As a result, the Town of Chester finds itself with an increasing number of easements that it may or may not necessarily have sought. Almost all of these easements are part of a private lot. As an example, Premiere Estates has five conservation easements – each on a separate lot, the North Pond development area will have two, and the Cedar View development on Ledge Road will have several lots impacted. The Commission reminds any property owner who has a conservation easement as part of their lot that they are legally bound by the provisions of that easement and can be subject to legal action should they disregard those provisions. Any property owner with such an easement who has questions can contact the Conservation Commission for guidance.

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) - The Exeter River begins as a small stream in the protected Herrick Woods of Chester and gains strength from several tributaries before it tumbles over the dam in downtown Exeter and changes its identity to the tidal Squamscot River. More than 18% of the Exeter River Watershed lies within the Chester Town limits and because of the smaller size of the river near the head waters is more sensitive to change in water quality as a result of urbanization. Over the past 15 years, the impervious surfaces has doubled in Chester increasing runoff to the river. Along the way it passes through the communities of Raymond, Brentwood, Kingston, and Exeter. In order to help ensure the continued good health of this watershed, provide wildlife corridors and infiltrate runoff, a wetland buffer is in place to help filter runoff to the Exeter River corridor where it passes through Chester. ERLAC is a committee made up of members of all the towns through which the Exeter River flows including Chester. The committee is charged with developing a river corridor management plan and advising the DES and riverfront towns on matters affecting the river.

The Chester Conservation Commission contributes \$200 annually to ERLAC, and Camilla Lockwood represents Chester on the committee.

Town Forests – The Conservation Commission also has the responsibility to manage the Town Forest properties. Currently, we are active in developing easements and management plans for the North Woods, the Hatton property, and the South Woods which have all been approved by the Town as Town Forest. Additionally, we are working with an U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation service and a forester to develop and implement an invasive species management plan on these lands as part of a 3-year grant to the Town.

Trails - The Commissions trails sub-committee (headed by Andrew Jeans) continues to work to map, maintain, and preserve the Town's bridle paths and hiking/biking trails. A GPS has been purchased by the Commission to help map and track changes to trails in this rapidly changing community. The Commission is working currently with developers and local users of the trails to identify and preserve trails on their property that have been long used by residents.

Future Issues

Development – Again this year, several large tracts of land in Chester are slated for subdivision. As Chester continues to grow rapidly, access to the land formerly used by hikers, hunters and horse riders will slowly disappear and natural resources are impacted. The Commission hopes that residents will continue to support their efforts to negotiate with developers for easements, protected areas, and concessions that will protect natural resources. Such efforts include the recent preservation of a large buffer along the Exeter River on the Mill Pine subdivision and the protection of several vernal pools on the Cedar View subdivision. Both of these measures were due to the willingness of the developers to work with the Commission, rather than against it.

Vernal Pools – This year the Commission has been very involved with the Planning Board, NH Department of Environmental Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency and local developers in establishing guidelines and mitigation practices to help minimize the impacts of development and urbanization on wetlands and, in particular, vernal pools. Vernal pools are those temporary wetlands used by frogs (spring peepers, for example) and other amphibians as breeding grounds in the spring. Vernal pools are not – as some say “every mud puddle in the woods.” The criteria for classification as a vernal pool are very detailed. Vernal pools are actually rare; and for that reason, deserve protection. The only protection these pools have is afforded by Table 2 of the town regulations which sets a 25 to 100-ft. buffer around these pools. There is not current State protection for these important natural resources. The loss of these pools spells doom for the species that use them and the loss of one more temporary reservoir for flood runoff waters. The Commission asks residents to support protection of these woodland pools.

Warrant Article for Manure Management – Chester welcomes horse owners; however, horse ownership brings with it an obligation to manage horse and barn waste properly. Back when there were numerous fields and farms in town, the waste could be spread on fields as amendments to the soil. Now, with the disappearance of farms and with fields turning into housing developments, there is less opportunity to dispose of manure in this way. A single horse generates more than a half-ton of manure a year that

needs to be disposed of. The State of New Hampshire provides guidelines for disposal and offers grants to horse owners to construct proper storage areas. In an effort to protect water supply wells this year, the Conservation Commission, working with the Chester Health Officer and Planning Board, developed a Warrant Article to regulate setbacks of paddocks and live stock areas from water supply wells similar to septic systems.

Commission Membership – The Commission Meetings are open to the public, and we welcome new members and alternate members who wish to have a hand in the future of Chester and the preservation of its natural resources and rural characteristics.



Town Music

Inspired by Arnold Adoff

Written by Monica Brown

*I live in a town
Where it's
Quiet and
Peaceful.*

*You can barely
Hear a sound
When you're
Outside except*

*The chirping
Of birds and
The sounds
When you
Walk across
The ground.*

*There are
Many
Woods and
Many
Pine trees.
Town music.*

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) celebrated its 11th year of stewardship of the river and watershed in 2007. The year was marked by productive partnerships with several organizations, including the Rockingham Planning Commission, NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Coastal Program, and NH Estuaries Project. These partnerships provide ERLAC with an opportunity to work with local Conservation Commissions to advocate effectively for protection of natural resources throughout the watershed.

ERLAC partnered with the Fremont Conservation Commission to hold the seventh annual vernal pool workshop in May. Children and adults waded into woodland pools to identify salamanders, turtles and clusters of frog eggs. Development of forestland threatens vernal pools in every watershed community.

In June, ERLAC partnered with dozens of environmental and community organizations and several local artists to hold the Exeter River Alewife Festival and canoe and kayak race. Funding to support this event was provided by the NH Coastal Program and NH Department of Environmental Services. ERLAC looks forward to working with Conservation Commissions and other organizations in the watershed on a new series of activities in 2008.

Several ERLAC members spent the summer working with the NH Coastal Program to collect and identify macroinvertebrates in the Exeter River and its tributaries. These intrepid volunteers waded into the water at several locations to capture and identify bugs hiding under rocks in rapid sections of the river. Macroinvertebrates are used as an indication of water quality. ERLAC members are also actively monitoring water temperature and other indicators. Results from these sampling programs will be available in early 2008 on ERLAC's website, www.exeterriver.org.

In October, ERLAC partnered with the Sandown Conservation Commission and NH Department of Environmental Services to hold a family friendly workshop explaining how to identify macroinvertebrates and why they are an important indicator of the impacts of land use on water quality and quantity.

ERLAC has also been working with the NH Department of Environmental Services and the consulting firm Geosyntec on a Watershed Restoration Plan. The first phase of the plan, a Vulnerability Analysis, has just been completed and identifies sections of the Exeter River and the watershed most impacted by development. The next phase of the project will involve management and restoration plans for these areas.

Chester's Conservation Commission often works with ERLAC concerning environmental issues of mutual interest. Greg Lowell, a long-time member of the Commission and a representative to ERLAC moved out of town earlier this year leaving an important space that needs to be filled in both organizations. ERLAC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. ERLAC is seeking more representatives from Chester. If you live on the river or are interested in water and river issues, please call 778-0885 for more information, or visit www.exeterriver.org.



Exeter River - Photograph Submitted Courtesy of Camilla Lockwood

Town of Chester

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2007 Financial Reports *

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Budget Committee Report

On Proposed Town Operating Budget

for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

***The complete, audited Financial Statements
are available, upon request, at Town Offices.**



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Selectmen

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town of Chester's basic financial statements as listed in the index. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Chester's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2007 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 8 and 37 through 40 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

MASON + RICH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Certified Public Accountants

March 7, 2008

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Chester, we offer readers of the Town's Financial Statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information furnished in the financial statements and notes of this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the Town of Chester exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$14,845,135 (net assets). Of this amount, \$943,331 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in accordance with the Town's fund designation and fiscal policies.
- The Town's total net assets increased by \$829,461.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year the Town of Chester's combined governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$2,750,649 of which 54.7% (\$1,504,122) of this total is unreserved and available for use.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the General Fund was \$574,533 or 5.3% of the General Fund's expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the financial statements

This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - These statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all the Town's Assets and Liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the underlying events giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods. (For example uncollected taxes and earned but unused compensated absences.)

The governmental activities of the Town include general government and administration, public safety, development services and culture and recreation.

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term effect of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains fourteen governmental funds. Data from thirteen of these funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. The Town of Chester's assets exceeded liabilities by \$14,845,135.

The largest portion of the Town's net assets (82.5%) reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, improvements, construction in progress and infrastructure) less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide service to citizens; as a result these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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**TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**

Town of Chester Net Assets:

	Governmental Activities	
	2007	2006
Current and Other Assets	\$ 8,273,727	\$ 7,385,830
Capital Assets (net)	<u>15,982,427</u>	<u>16,273,302</u>
Total Assets	\$ 24,256,154	\$ 23,659,132
Long Term Liabilities	\$ 4,045,721	\$ 4,756,252
Other Liabilities	<u>5,365,298</u>	<u>4,887,206</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,411,019	\$ 9,643,458
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 12,248,072	\$ 11,832,704
Restricted	1,653,732	1,707,673
Unrestricted	<u>943,331</u>	<u>475,297</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,845,135	\$ 14,015,674

Unrestricted Net Assets of \$943,331 may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Analysis of the Town's Operations

The following table provides a summary of the Town's operations for the year ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Governmental Activities increased the Town of Chester's net assets by \$829,461.

Town of Chester Change in Net Assets:

	Revenues	
	2007	2006
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Service	\$ 1,074,397	\$ 1,076,127
Operating Grants and Contributions	134,500	133,223
Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>14,130</u>	<u>19,997</u>
Total Program Revenues	\$ 1,223,027	\$ 1,229,347

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**TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**

	Governmental 2007	Activities 2006
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes		
General Purpose	\$ 2,299,367	\$ 1,803,325
Education	7,206,375	6,844,487
County	479,202	453,596
Other Taxes	145,338	106,935
Unrestricted Grants and Contributions	316,119	224,967
Interest and Investment Earnings	259,566	186,186
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets	-	1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>26,559</u>	<u>24,878</u>
Total General Revenue	<u>10,732,526</u>	<u>9,645,374</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 11,955,553</u>	<u>\$ 10,874,721</u>
Expenses:		
General Government	\$ 1,200,586	\$1,094,914
Public Safety	737,684	613,565
Highways and Streets and Sanitation Operations	991,770	756,632
Health and Welfare	30,580	27,676
Cultural and Parks and Recreation	326,873	349,666
Intergovernmental:		
School District	7,206,375	6,844,487
County	479,202	453,596
Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>153,022</u>	<u>172,720</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 11,126,092</u>	<u>\$ 10,313,256</u>
Increase in Net Assets	829,461	561,465
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>14,015,674</u>	<u>13,454,209</u>
Net Assets, End of the Year	<u>\$ 14,845,135</u>	<u>\$ 14,015,674</u>

Financial Analysis of the Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town of Chester's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, the unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of governments net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year the Town of Chester's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,750,649. Approximately 54.7% of this total amount (\$1,504,122) constitutes the unreserved fund balance. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate it is not available for new

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spending because it has been committed 1) to pay for encumbrances (\$183,629) and 2) reserved for Permanent Funds Principal (\$1,062,898).

The fund balance at the end of the fiscal year of \$2,750,649 maintains a reasonable financial position for the Town.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

Revenues for the fiscal year exceeded the budget by \$158,270. Total Town expenditures (including capital outlay) were less than budget by \$334,194. The additional revenue, combined with favorable spending, resulting in an Excess of Revenues over Expenditures of \$500,621, thereby increasing fund balance more than expected.

Capital Assets

The Town of Chester's investments in Capital Assets for its activities as of June 30, 2007 amounts to \$15,982,427 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, infrastructure and construction in progress.

The only major capital asset event during the current fiscal year included the following:

Land Additions	<u>\$ 395,029</u>
Capital Assets at Year-End Net of Accumulated Depreciation	
Land and Improvements	\$ 4,516,031
Buildings and Improvements	4,877,207
Infrastructure	14,041,456
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles	1,072,166
Construction in Progress	1,379,794
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,904,227)</u>
Total Capital Assets Net of Depreciation	<u>\$ 15,982,427</u>

Debt Administration

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Chester had a total bonded debt and notes payable (including interest) of \$4,090,251; all debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town government.

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Outstanding Debts at Year-End (Capital Only)

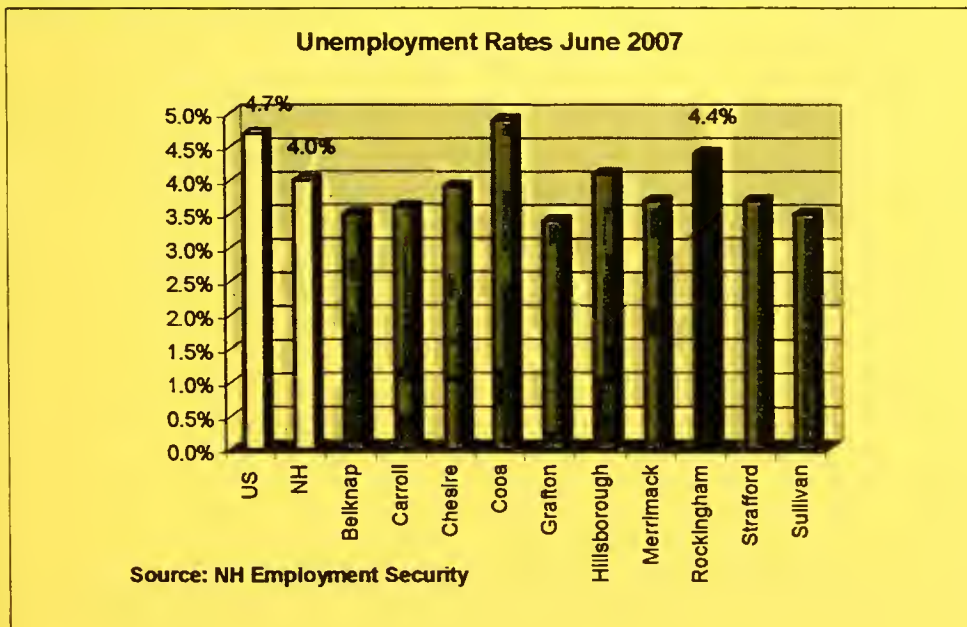
Road Bond	\$ 1,680,000
Landfill	119,533
Fire Station	300,000
Conservation	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,599,533</u>

Moodys Investors Service rates the Town of Chester Triple A (AAA) for all bonds. The final payment for the Landfill obligation will be in October 2007.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget & Rates

The Town of Chester, located in Rockingham County, allows for easy access to major cities and municipalities with major interstates surrounding its borders. In Massachusetts including Greater Boston, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell & Andover while the New Hampshire communities of Manchester, Nashua, Concord & Portsmouth are all within easy commuting distance. Between the years 1990 to 2006 Chester's population grew 69%.

As of June 30, 2007 New Hampshire's unemployment rate was 4.0%. Rockingham County at 4.4% which although higher than the NH average it was below the US average (4.7%).



As a result of the slowing economic factors and rising population, the Town is striving to meet the demands of the community while working within the confines of appropriations for only those items that are truly necessary. The 2007-2008 budget showed a modest increase of 4.5%.

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Finance Office, 84 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036, or call (603) 887-4277 or e-mail chesterfindir@gsinet.net.

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 4,027,364	\$ 51,853
Temporary Investments	215,921	-
Investments	1,109,957	-
Taxes Receivable	2,628,537	-
Accounts Receivable	4,797	-
Due from Other Governments	263,505	-
Internal Balances	-	-
Prepays	18,130	-
Property by Tax Deed and Title	5,516	-
Capital Assets:		
Land and Improvements	4,516,031	-
Buildings and Improvements	4,877,207	-
Infrastructure	14,041,456	-
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles	1,072,166	-
Construction in Progress	1,379,794	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(9,904,227)	-
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	15,982,427	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 24,256,154	\$ 51,853
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The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement.

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 239,403	\$ -
Contracts Payable	-	-
Retainage Payable	-	-
Due to Other Governments	11,130	-
Accrued Liabilities	39,248	-
Deferred Revenues	5,075,517	-
Long-Term Obligations:		
Portion Due or Payable Within One Year:		
Obligations Under Capital Lease	57,398	-
Bonds and Notes Payable	654,533	-
Portion Due or Payable After One Year:		
Obligations Under Capital Lease	77,424	-
Bonds and Notes Payable	2,945,000	-
Compensated Absences	20,635	-
Estimated Landfill Postclosure Monitoring		
Costs Payable	290,731	-
Total Liabilities	9,411,019	-
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related		
Debt	12,248,072	-
Restricted for:		
Capital Reserves	194,363	-
Conservation	396,471	-
Permanent Funds:		
Nonexpendable	1,062,898	-
Unrestricted	943,331	51,853
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,845,135	\$ 51,853

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Primary Government				
	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 1,200,586	\$ 966,553	\$ 14,586	\$ -	\$ (219,447)
Fire Department	316,218	465	-	-	(315,753)
Police Department	421,466	10,183	782	-	(410,501)
Highways and Streets	836,756	-	104,472	-	(732,284)
Sanitation Operations	155,014	15,710	-	14,130	(125,174)
Health and Welfare	30,580	5,546	10,000	-	(15,034)
Parks and Recreation	158,374	75,505	-	-	(82,869)
Conservation	23,430	-	-	-	(23,430)
Library	145,069	435	4,660	-	(139,974)
Intergovernmental:					
School District	7,206,375	-	-	-	(7,206,375)
County	479,202	-	-	-	(479,202)
Interest on Long-term Debt	153,022	-	-	-	(153,022)
Total Governmental Activities Primary Government	11,126,092	1,074,397	134,500	14,130	(9,903,065)
Component Unit:					
Spring Hill Farm	\$ 11,061	\$ -	\$ 7,881	\$ -	\$ (3,180)
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property Taxes:					
Levied for General Purposes					2,299,367
Levied for Education					7,206,375
Levied for the County					479,202
Franchise Fees					-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					-
Other Taxes					145,338
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs					316,119
Interest and Investment Earnings					259,566
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets					-
Miscellaneous					26,559
Transfers					-
Total General Revenues, Special Items and Transfers					10,732,526
Change in Net Assets					829,461
Net Assets, Beginning of Year					14,015,674
Net Assets, End of Year					\$ 14,845,135
					\$ 51,853

Statement 3

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,418,573	\$ 608,791	\$ 4,027,364
Temporary Investments	-	215,921	215,921
Investments	-	1,109,957	1,109,957
Taxes Receivable	2,628,537	-	2,628,537
Accounts Receivable	980	3,817	4,797
Due from Other Governments	263,505	-	263,505
Due from Other Funds	124,508	208,090	332,598
Prepays	18,130	-	18,130
Restricted Assets - Cash Equivalents	-	-	-
Property by Tax Lien and Title	5,516	-	5,516
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,459,749	\$ 2,146,576	\$ 8,606,325
			(Continued)

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2007

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 231,696	\$ 7,707	\$ 239,403
Contracts Payable	-	-	-
Retainage Payable	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	11,130	11,130
Accrued Liabilities	27,502	-	27,502
Deferred Revenues	5,245,043	-	5,245,043
Due to Other Funds	197,346	135,252	332,598
Matured Compensated Absences	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>5,701,587</u>	<u>154,089</u>	<u>5,855,676</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for Encumbrances	183,629	-	183,629
Reserved for Prepaids	-	-	-
Reserved for Permanent Funds Principal	-	1,062,898	1,062,898
Unreserved Reported in:			
General Fund	574,533	-	574,533
Special Revenue Funds	-	758,893	758,893
Capital Projects Funds	-	170,696	170,696
Undistributed Net Revenues of Permanent Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>758,162</u>	<u>1,992,487</u>	<u>2,750,649</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 6,459,749</u>	<u>\$ 2,146,576</u>	<u>\$ 8,606,325</u>

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE
TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2007

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 2,750,649

*Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement
of Net Assets Are Different Because of the Following Items:*

Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities Are NOT
Financial Resources and Therefore Are NOT reported in the Funds. 15,982,427

Long-term Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and Unmatured
Compensated Absences, Are NOT Due and Payable in the
Current Period and Therefore Are NOT Reported in the Funds. (4,057,467)

Other Long-term Assets, Such as Property Taxes Not Collected Within
Sixty Days of Fiscal Year End, Are NOT Available to Pay for Current-
period Expenditures and Therefore Are Deferred in the Funds:

Property Taxes 164,010
Welfare Liens 5,516

Net Assets of Governmental Activities - Statement 1 \$ 14,845,135

TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 9,890,762	\$ 75,510	\$ 9,966,272
Licenses and Permits	867,971	-	867,971
Intergovernmental	440,286	782	441,068
Charges for Services	89,371	81,788	171,159
Interest and Dividends	139,130	120,436	259,566
Other Revenue	41,891	38,098	79,989
Total Revenues	11,469,411	316,614	11,786,025
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government	988,029	43,463	1,031,492
Public Safety	724,292	7,651	731,943
Highways and Streets	254,958	-	254,958
Sanitation	155,363	-	155,363
Health and Welfare	30,580	-	30,580
Culture and Recreation	71,841	207,126	278,967
Conservation	9,303	400,416	409,719
Debt Service:			
Principal	706,244	-	706,244
Interest	156,423	-	156,423
Capital Outlay	107,882	-	107,882
Total Town Expenditures	3,204,915	658,656	3,863,571
Other Governmental Units:			
School District Assessment	7,206,375	-	7,206,375
County Taxes	479,202	-	479,202
Total Other Governmental Units	7,685,577	-	7,685,577
Total Expenditures	10,890,492	658,656	11,549,148
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 578,919	\$ (342,042)	\$ 236,877

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
<i>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>			
Proceeds of Long-Term Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers In	52,292	332,833	385,125
Operating Transfers (Out)	(294,600)	(90,525)	(385,125)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(242,308)</u>	<u>242,308</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	336,611	(99,734)	236,877
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	421,551	2,092,221	2,513,772
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$ 758,162</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,487</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,649</u>

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (STATEMENT 2)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

<i>Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</i>	\$ 236,877
<i>Amounts Reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Activities Are Different Because of the Following Items:</i>	
Governmental Funds Report Capital Outlays as Expenditures. In the Statement of Activities the Cost of Those Capital Outlay Items are Capitalized and the Cost of Those Capitalized Assets is Then Charged Over Their Estimated Useful Lives as Depreciation Expense. This is the Amount by Which Depreciation Expense Exceeded Capital Outlay Expenditures in the Current Period.	(290,875)
Proceeds From Debt Issues Are Reported as an Other Financing Source (Proceeds of Long-Term Bonds) in the Funds Statement. However, Debt Issue Proceeds Increase Long-term Liabilities (Bonds Payable) in the Statement of Net Assets.	-
The Repayment of Bond and Capital Lease Principal is an Expenditure (Debt Service) in the Governmental Funds. The Repayment of Principal Reduces Long-term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.	706,243
Payment of Interest is Reported as an Expenditure When Due in the Governmental Funds. Interest is Accrued at Year End in the Statement of Activities.	3,401
Revenues Reported in the Statement of Activities That do NOT Provide Current Financial Resources ARE NOT REPORTED as Current Year's Revenues in the Funds Statement:	
Property Taxes	164,010
Welfare Liens	5,516
Some Expenses Reported in the Statement of Activities, Such as Compensated Absences and Estimated Landfill Closure Costs, do NOT Require the Use of Current Financial Resources. Accordingly, They Have NOT Been Reported as Expenditures in the Governmental Funds.	4,289
<i>Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds - Statement 2</i>	<u>\$ 829,461</u>

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007

	Agency Funds	Private Purpose Trusts
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 53,896	\$ 28,854
Temporary Investments	-	-
Investments, at Fair Value	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 53,896</u>	<u>\$ 28,854</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Liabilities	-	-
Due to Specific Individuals	53,896	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>53,896</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		
Held in Trust for School District	-	28,854
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,854</u>

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TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Private- Purpose Trusts
<i>ADDITIONS</i>	
Contributions	\$ -
Investment Earnings:	
Interest and Dividends	152
Gain (Loss) on Sale	-
Total Investment Earnings	152
Miscellaneous	-
<i>Total Additions</i>	152
<i>DEDUCTIONS</i>	
Payments to School District	-
<i>Total Deductions</i>	-
Change in Net Assets	152
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	28,702
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 28,854

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Form F-65 (MS-5)

(5-16-2006)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT

30 3 008 005 4386

CHESTER TOWN
CHR BD OF SELECTMEN
84 CHESTNUT STREET
CHESTER, NH 03036

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

PLEASE
RETURN
COMPLETED
FORM TO:

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - *Specify*

January 1, 20__ to December 31, 20__

OR

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

1. Revenue from taxes (Including state education)

a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay
plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)

Account
No.
(a)

Amount
(b)

b. State and local taxes

assessed for School Districts

7,258,828

4933

c. Land use change taxes - General Fund

3120

T01

-

d. Land use changes taxes- Conservation Fund

3121

T01

-

e. Resident taxes

3180

T01

-

f. Timber taxes

3185

T01

10,135

g. Payments in lieu of taxes

3186

U99

-

h. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)

3189

T01

i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes

3190

T01

59,117

j. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)

3187

T99

575

k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)

\$10,050,572

2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes

(This entry should be used by the few municipalities
which have dependent school districts only)

\$ -

3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees

a. Business licenses and permits

3210

T99

-

b. Motor vehicle permit fees

3220

T01

818,816

c. Building permits

3230

T99

40,853

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
		(a)	(b)
3. Revenue from licenses, permits and fees (Continued)			
d. Other licensing and permit taxes		3290 T29	8,302
e. TOTAL →			\$ 867,971
4. Revenue from the federal government			
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)		3311 B50	\$ -
b. Environmental protection		3312 B89	-
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - <i>Specify</i>		B89	-
FEMA			114,647
US TREASURY			1,209
		3319	
d. TOTAL →			\$ 115,856
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire			
a. Shared revenue block grant		3351 C30	22,780
b. Meals and rooms distribution		3352 C30	178,693
c. Highway block grant		3353 C46	104,472
d. Water pollution grants		3354 C89	-
e. Housing and community development		3355 C50	-
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement		3356 C89	-
g. Flood control reimbursement		3357 C89	-
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - <i>Specify</i>		C89	
LANDFILL GRANT		3359	14,130
OTHER STATE GRANTS			4,355
i. TOTAL →			\$ 324,430
6. Revenue from other governments			
Intergovernmental revenue - Other		3379 D89	\$ -
7. Revenue from charges for services			
(Exclude inter-fund transfers)			
a. Income from departments		3401 A89	\$ 89,371
b. Water supply system charges		3402 A91	-
c. Sewer user charges		3403 A80	-
d. Garbage-refuse charges		3404 A81	-
e. Electric user charges		3405 A92	-
f. Airport fees		3406 A01	-
g. Parking		A60	-
h. Transit or bus system		A94	-
i. Parks and Recreation		A61	-
j. Cemeteries		A03	-
k. Toll Highways		A45	-
j. Other charges		3409 A89	-
k. TOTAL →			\$ 89,371

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account	Amount
	No.		
8. Revenues from miscellaneous sources	(a)		(b)
a. Special assessments	3500	U01	\$ -
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11	-
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20	140,881
d. Rents of property	3503	U40	29,820
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U30	-
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99	-
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U50	-
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99	12,072
i. TOTAL →			\$ 182,773
9. Inter-fund operating transfers in			
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912		\$ -
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913		-
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914		-
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915		50,000
e. Transfers from trust and fiduciary funds	3916		-
f. Transfers from conservation fund	3917		-
g. TOTAL →			\$ 50,000
10. Other financial sources			
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934		\$ -
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935		-
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939		-
d. TOTAL →			\$ -
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES →			\$11,680,973
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9) →			\$ 421,551
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 21, page 8) →			\$12,102,524
Remarks			

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total Expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 122,514	G29 \$ -	F29 \$ -
b. Election and registration	4140	E89 62,944	G89 -	F89 -
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 189,067	G23 -	F23 -
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23 119,800	G23 -	F23 -
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 97,996	G25 -	F25 -
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 64,421	G29 -	F29 -
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 85,433	G29 -	F29 -
h. General government building	4194	E31 203,893	G31 -	F31 -
i. Cemeteries	4195	E03 2,226	G03 -	F03 -
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E03 33,717	G03 -	F03 -
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89 6,095	G89 -	F89 -
l. Other general government	4199	E89 -	G89 -	F89 -
m. TOTAL →		\$ 988,106	\$ -	\$ -
2. Public safety				
a. Police	4210	E62 \$ 390,919	G62 \$ -	F62 \$ -
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 38,500	G32 -	F32 -
c. Fire	4220	E24 206,222	G24 -	F24 -
d. Building inspection	4240	E66 83,569	G66 -	F66 -
e. Emergency management	4290	E89 82	G89 -	F89 -
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89 5,000	G89 -	F89 -
g. TOTAL →		\$ 724,292	\$ -	\$ -
3. Airport/Aviation Center				
a. Administration	4301	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Airport Operations	4302	-	-	-
c. Other	4309	-	-	-
d. TOTAL →		E01 \$ -	G01 \$ -	F01 \$ -
Remarks				

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)**

	Account No. (a)	Total Expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	E44 \$ -	G44 \$ -	F44 \$ -
b. Highways and streets	4312	E44 253,105	G44 -	F44 -
c. Bridges	4313	E44 -	G44 -	F44 -
d. Street lighting	4316	E44 2,022	G44 -	F44 -
e. Toll highways	4316	E45 -	G45 -	F45 -
f. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319	E44 -	G44 -	F44 -
f. TOTAL →		\$ 255,127	\$ -	\$ -
5. Sanitation				
a. Administration	4321	E80 \$ -	G80 \$ -	F80 \$ -
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81 -	G81 -	F81 -
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	E81 141,488	G81 -	F81 -
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81 -	G81 -	F81 -
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E80 -	G80 -	F80 -
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80 13,875	G80 -	F80 -
g. TOTAL →		\$ 155,363	\$ -	\$ -
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Water services	4332	-	-	-
c. Water treatment	4335	-	-	-
d. Water conservation	4338	-	-	-
Other Water	4339	-	-	-
f. TOTAL →		E91 \$ -	G91 \$ -	F91 \$ -
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Generation	4352	-	-	-
c. Purchase costs	4353	-	-	-
d. Equipment maintenance	4354	-	-	-
e. Other electric	4359	-	-	-
f. TOTAL →		E92 \$ -	G92 \$ -	F92 \$ -

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)**

	Account No. (a)	Total Expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health				
a. Administration	4411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Pest control	4414	1,235	-	-
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	18,860	-	-
d. Vital statistics	4140	-	-	-
e. Other health	4419	-	-	-
f. TOTAL →	E32	\$ 20,095	G32 \$ -	F32 \$ -
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes <i>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)</i>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10. Welfare				
a. Administration	4441	E79 \$ -	G79 \$ -	F79 \$ -
b. Direct assistance	4442	E67 6,882		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79 3,603		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75 -		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79 -	G79 -	F79 -
f. TOTAL →		\$ 10,485	\$ -	\$ -
11. Culture and recreation				
a. Parks and recreation	4520	E61 \$ 61,602	G61 \$ -	F61 \$ -
b. Library	4550	E52 -	G52 -	F52 -
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E61 6,500	G61 -	F61 -
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E61 3,739	G61 -	F61 -
e. TOTAL →		\$ 71,841	\$ -	\$ -
12. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	\$ 12,823	\$ -	\$ -
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612	-	-	-
c. Other conservation	4619	-	-	-
d. TOTAL	E59	\$ 12,823	G59 \$ -	F59 \$ -
13. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632	-	-	-
c. TOTAL →	E50	\$ -	G50 \$ -	F50 \$ -

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total Expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
b. Economic development	4652	-	-	-
c. Other economic development	4659	-	-	-
d. TOTAL →		E89 \$ -	G89 \$ -	F89 \$ -
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	651,464		
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	I89 147,467		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	I89 -		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23 63,735		
e. TOTAL →		\$ 862,666		
16. Capital outlay (not reported above)				
a. Land and improvements	4901		G89 -	F89 -
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902		G89 24,361	
c. Buildings	4903			F89 59,906
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909			F89 23,615
e. TOTAL →			\$ 24,361	\$ 83,521
17. Inter-fund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 97,600		
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913	-		
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914	-		
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	112,000		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916	85,000		
f. Transfers to nonexpendable trust funds	4918	-		
g. TOTAL →		\$ 294,600		

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount	Equipment and land purchases	Construction
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
18. Payments to other governments					
a. Taxes assessed for county		4931	\$ 479,202		
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts		4932	-		
c. Local education taxes assessed		4933	7,258,828		
d. Taxes assessed for State		4934	-		
e. Payments to other governments		4939	-		
f. TOTAL			\$ 7,738,030		
19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 11,241,310	\$ 24,361	\$ 83,521
20. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year)					
(Should equal line B.2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above)			\$ 861,214		
21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20					
(Should equal line 13 on page 3)			\$ 12,102,524		

Part II

This area may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found.

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Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**Modified Accrual**

A. Assets		Account No. (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets				
a. Cash and equivalents		1010	\$ 4,339,409	\$ 3,418,573
b. Investments		1030		
c. Taxes receivable <i>(See worksheet, page 12)</i>		1080	800,052	2,473,355
d. Tax liens receivable <i>(See worksheet, page 12)</i>		1110	125,625	150,982
e. Accounts receivable		1150	129	980
f. Due from other governments		1260	456	211,052
g. Due from other funds		1310	111,531	123,936
h. Other current assets		1400	1,903	18,130
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)		1670		
j. TOTAL ASSETS <i>(Should equal line B3)</i> →			\$ 5,379,105	\$ 6,397,008
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
1. Current liabilities				
a. Warrants and accounts payable		2020	\$ 103,642	\$ 235,460
b. Compensated absences payable		2030		
c. Contracts payable		2050		
d. Due to other governments		2070		
e. Due to school districts		2075		
f. Due to other funds		2080	111,230	197,315
g. Deferred revenue		2220	4,718,624	5,075,517
h. Notes payable - Current		2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current		2250		
j. Other payables		2270	24,058	27,502
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES →			\$ 4,957,554	\$ 5,535,794
2. Fund equity				
a. Reserve for encumbrances <i>(Please detail on page 10)</i>		2440	235,385	183,629
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations <i>(Detail on page 10)</i>		2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus		2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes <i>(Please detail on page 10)</i>		2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance - RESTATED AUDIT		2530	186,166	677,585
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY →			\$ 421,551	\$ 861,214
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY <i>(Should equal line A1j)</i> →			\$ 5,379,105	\$ 6,397,008

Part IV **DETAIL**

This section may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet).

Account number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)
2440	Fremont Road and Shepard Home Bridges	138,979
	Title Search	3,900
	Derry Road	20,000
	Planning	2,250
	Fire Department	18,500
		\$ 183,629

Part V **General Fund****A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION**



(Debt as of (enter date) June 30, 2007 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2008	\$ 654,534	\$ 126,673	\$ 781,207
2.	2009	535,000	104,786	639,786
3.	2010	535,000	85,299	620,299
4.	2011	535,000	65,780	600,780
5.	2012	535,000	45,855	580,855
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		\$ 2,794,534	\$ 428,393	\$ 3,222,927
7. Remaining periods of debt		805,000	62,325	867,325
8. TOTAL		\$ 3,599,534	\$ 490,718	\$ 4,090,252

Part V		GENERAL FUND (Continued)								
D. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT										
Description	Original Obligation (b)	Purpose (c)	Annual installment (d)	Interest rate (e)	Date of final payment (f)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (g)	Bonds issued this year (h)	Bonds retired this year (i)	Bonds o/s at end of year (j)	
(a)										
Landfill Closure	1,066,276		Varies	3%	2009	\$ 235,998	\$ -	\$ 116,464	\$ 119,534	
Fire Station	499,000		25,000	Varies	2019	325,000	-	25,000	300,000	
Conservation Easement	3,000,000		300,000	Varies	2012	1,800,000	-	300,000	1,500,000	
Road Reconstruction	2,100,000		210,000	Varies	2014	1,890,000	-	210,000	1,680,000	
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Part VI RECONCILIATIONS																						
A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY																						
	Amount																					
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ -																					
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year	7,258,828																					
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	7,258,828																					
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	7,258,828																					
5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	\$ -																					
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES																						
	Amount																					
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$ -																					
2. ADD: New issues during current year	-																					
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	-																					
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1+2-3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	64V \$ -																					
PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D.																						
C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Current year (a)</th> <th>Prior years (b)</th> <th>TOTAL (c)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year) *</td> <td>\$ -</td> <td>\$ (8,700)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)</td> <td>-</td> <td>(46,947)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. SUBTRACT: Discounts</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)</td> <td>(22,942)</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR **</td> <td>-</td> <td>(8,700)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)</td> <td>\$ (22,942)</td> <td>\$ (64,347)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Current year (a)	Prior years (b)	TOTAL (c)	1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year) *	\$ -	\$ (8,700)	2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	-	(46,947)	3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	-	-	4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	(22,942)	-	5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR **	-	(8,700)	6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	\$ (22,942)	\$ (64,347)
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<p>* Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).</p> <p>** The amount in column c will go into line 1 (b) for next year's worksheet.</p>																						
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* (These amounts are entered on page 9, account numbers 1080 and 1110, column c)																						

Part VII SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds	
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
1. Revenue from taxes	T01	\$ 101,685	T01	
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T29		T29	
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89		B89	
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89		C89	
5. Revenue from other governments	D89		D89	
6. Revenue from charges for services	A91		A91	
(a) Water supply system charges	A80		A80	
(b) Sewer user charges	A81		A81	
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges	A92		A92	
(d) Electric	A01		A01	
(e) Airport and aviation	A44		A44	
(f) Highway	A45		A45	
(g) Toll facilities	A61	75,512	A61	
(h) Parks and recreation	A60		A60	
(i) Parking	A94		A94	
(j) Transit or bus system	A89		A89	
(k) Other - Specify 		7,858		
(1) Public Safety	A89		A89	
(2)	A89		A89	
(3)				
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources				
(a) Interest on investments	U20	712	U20	
(b) Other miscellaneous sources	U99	27,340	U99	
8. Inter-fund operating transfers in		119,936		
9. Other financial sources	U99		U99	
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES 	\$ -	\$ 333,043	\$ -	\$ -

Part VIII SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS





	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary Funds	
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)				
1. General government	F89	E89 \$ 13,676	E89	
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	
(a) Police	F62	7,401	E62	
(b) Ambulance			E32	
(c) Fire	F24	250	E24	
3. Airport/Aviation Center	F01		E01	
4. Highways and streets	F44		E44	
5. Toll highways	F45		E45	
6. Sanitation	F81		E81	
7. Water distribution and treatment	F91		E91	
8. Sewerage	F80		E80	
9. Electric	F92		E92	
10. Health	F32		E32	
11. Welfare	F79		E79	
12. Culture and recreation	F61	207,613	E61	
13. Parking	F60		E60	
14. Transit or bus system	F94		E94	
15. Conservation	F59	396,741	E59	
16. Redevelopment and housing	F50		E50	
17. Economic development	F89		E89	
18. Debt service			E23	
19. Capital outlay - other	F89		F89	
20. Inter-fund operating transfers out				
21. TOTAL EXPENDITURES →	\$ -	\$ 625,681	\$ -	\$ -

Remarks

Part IX BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Account No.	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise	Internal service
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	215,921	347,091		
(b) Investments	1030		43,442		
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310		225,619		
(f) Other - Specify 7					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610				
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other - Specify 7					
3. TOTAL ASSETS —————→					
		\$ 215,921	\$ 616,152	\$ -	\$ -

Part IX BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued)

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020				
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080	45,225	62,767		
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other - Specify 					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES 		\$ 45,225	\$ 62,767	\$ -	\$ -
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440				
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490	170,696	553,385		
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530				
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY 		\$ 170,696	\$ 553,385	\$ -	\$ -
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY 					
		\$ 215,921	\$ 616,152	\$ -	\$ -

Part X SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET**A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

Report payments made to the State or other local governments *on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis*. Do not include these expenditures in Part VIII.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount (c)
Payments made to other local governments for:		
Schools	M12	-
Sewers	M80	-
All other - County	4931	-
All other - Towns	4199	-
Payments made to State for:		
Highways	4319	-
All other purposes	4199	-

B. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year (e)
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	
Industrial revenue	19T -	24T -	34T -	44T -
All other debt	19U 4,250,998	29U -	39U 651,464	49U \$ 3,599,534
Interest on water debt	19I -			

C. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid

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\$ 891,529

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR


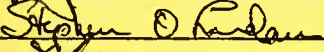
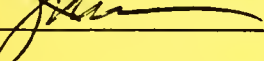
Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at market value. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31 \$ 215,921
All other funds except employee retirement funds and nonexpendable trust funds.	W61 \$ 4,110,090

Part XI CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

 10-28-07
 10-24-07
 10/27/07

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part X, items A-D.

WHEN TO FILE: (RSA 21-J:34, V)

- * For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.
- * For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (if common trust, so state)	HOW INVESTED	Balance End Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR			Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	Unrealized Gain or Losses	Market Value at End of Year
									Balance Beginning Year	%	Amount			
28-Mar-18	Albert Krueger	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
15-Apr-19	Joseph Knowles	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
15-Apr-19	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
31-Jan-20	Elizabeth L. Kent	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
22-May-22	John S. Emery	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
30-Sep-22	George Wells	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
04-Oct-22	Amos Green	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
30-Nov-23	Moses Prutree	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
31-Jan-24	Daniel Bell	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
13-Mar-23	Silas F. Learnard	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
29-Jun-18	Sarah V. Lane	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
15-Apr-19	John West	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
31-Jan-20	John West 2nd	Village Cem.	Common Trust	84.37		(0.10)		84.27	0.00	0.01%	5.44	84.27	15.73	100.00
30-Apr-21	Payge Reed Smith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	42.18		(0.05)		42.13	0.00	0.01%	2.72	42.13	7.86	49.99
30-Apr-21	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
28-Jun-21	Joseph Dane	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
26-Nov-21	Mary E. Bean	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
03-Nov-22	Charles H. Green	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
03-May-23	Samuel S. Warren	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
20-Nov-23	Mark Sanborn	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
22-Dec-23	Herbert W. Robie	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
15-Mar-06	William W. White	Village Cem.	Common Trust	79.10		(0.09)		79.01	0.00	0.01%	5.10	79.01	14.75	93.76
24-Dec-08	Edmund Sleeper	Village Cem.	Common Trust	47.46		(0.05)		47.41	0.00	0.01%	3.06	47.41	8.85	56.26
Cumulative total				2,098.68	0.00	(2.39)	0.00	2,096.29	0.00		135.32	2,096.29	391.24	2,487.53

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23-Aug-10	Sarah A. True	Village Cem.	Common Trust	79.10		(0.09)		79.01	0.00	0.01%	5.10	5.10	79.01	14.75	93.76
23-Aug-10	Henry Moore	Village Cem.	Common Trust	63.28		(0.07)		63.21	0.00	0.01%	4.08	4.08	63.21	11.80	75.01
07-Jul-11	Samuel S. Parker	Village Cem.	Common Trust	42.18		(0.05)		42.13	0.00	0.01%	2.72	2.72	42.13	7.86	49.99
16-Feb-16	Charles Stevens	Village Cem.	Common Trust	63.28		(0.07)		63.21	0.00	0.01%	4.08	4.08	63.21	11.80	75.01
25-Aug-17	Oren F. Page	Village Cem.	Common Trust	42.18		(0.05)		42.13	0.00	0.01%	2.72	2.72	42.13	7.86	49.99
01-Nov-17	David Lane	Village Cem.	Common Trust	73.82		(0.08)		73.74	0.00	0.01%	4.76	4.76	73.74	13.76	87.50
05-Jun-28	Amos Hazelton	Village Cem.	Common Trust	79.10		(0.09)		79.01	0.00	0.01%	5.10	5.10	79.01	14.75	93.76
06-Apr-28	George Herman Jack	Village Cem.	Common Trust	63.28		(0.07)		63.21	0.00	0.01%	4.08	4.08	63.21	11.80	75.01
05-Jun-25	Ephraim Orcutt	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
02-Jan-29	Augustus P. Morse	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
31-Dec-29	Charles F. True	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
05-Jan-31	French - Heath	Village Cem.	Common Trust	26.37		(0.03)		26.34	0.00	0.00%	1.70	1.70	26.34	4.92	31.26
01-Jan-29	Mary E. Merrill	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
01-Jul-31	Hannah M. Sawyer	Village Cem.	Common Trust	79.10		(0.09)		79.01	0.00	0.01%	5.10	5.10	79.01	14.75	93.76
13-Oct-31	James DeLeskey	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
23-May-36	William F. Warren	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
17-Jun-09	Hannah M. Williams	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
03-Jun-12	Lot Knowles	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
25-Nov-16	Charles H. Knowles	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
29-Sep-17	Hills Stevens	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
30-Jun-18	Caroline M. Hall	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
26-Mar-19	Parker Morse	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
26-Mar-19	George Marden	Village Cem.	Common Trust	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
Cumulative total				3,395.86	0.00	(3.86)	0.00	3,392.00	0.00		218.96	218.96	3,392.00	633.08	4,025.08

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01-Oct-24	James W. Gordon	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
28-Oct-24	James H. Hardy	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
25-Sep-25	George S. West	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
23-Dec-08	Luther W. Hall	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
31-Oct-11	Charles A. Dearborn	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
11-Oct-11	Reverend Charles Tenney	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
30-Apr-16	Joan Hazelton	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
20-Mar-25	Lydra J. Ramsey	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
05-Oct-26	Helen F. Soule	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
09-Jun-28	James & J. Albert Hook	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
30-May-30	Arthur I Moore & Harry Roberts	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
03-Jul-32	Cyrus F. Marston	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
09-Oct-33	Gerah	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
09-Jul-34	Lucy Lawrence	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
25-Nov-35	Joseph Webster	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
23-Feb-37	Valeria A. Towle	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
20-Mar-37	Mabel J. Brackett	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
08-May-37	Charles E. Cook	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
14-Aug-37	Moses Webster	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
19-Aug-37	Malvin	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
28-Jan-38	Thomas J. Melvin	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
01-Mar-39	Chester Noyes Greenough	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
29-May-39	E. G. Buffum	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
Cumulative total					5,663.28	0.00	(6.44)	0.00	5,656.84	0.00		365.16	365.16	5,656.84	1,055.77	6,712.61

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25-Nov-39	Susie Smith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
27-Dec-40	George Mackintosh	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
22-Jul-41	Lewis Kimball	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
06-Jun-41	Eva Underhill	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
29-Nov-41	Mary A. Owen	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
07-Oct-42	Mary J. Maple	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
04-May-42	William Greenough	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
15-May-42	Arthur Leighton	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
23-Feb-42	William P. Nichols	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
27-Jul-42	Justine P. Creamer	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
16-Jul-45	Addie F. Walkins	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
20-Mar-55	Leon G. Simonds	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
01-May-20	Village Cemetery	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.13%	1,054.61		(1.20)		1,053.41	0.00	0.13%	68.00	1,053.41	196.60	1,250.01
03-May-04	John W. Noyes	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
16-Feb-15	Jonathan Pressey	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	47.46		(0.05)		47.41	0.00	0.01%	3.06	47.41	8.85	56.26
01-Feb-10	George W. Stevens	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	358.36		(0.41)		357.95	0.00	0.04%	23.11	357.95	66.81	424.76
31-Oct-14	Cynthia J. Brown	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
30-Jun-18	George L. Converse	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
23-Jan-26	Miss E. Wilson	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	263.65		(0.30)		263.35	0.00	0.03%	17.00	263.35	49.15	312.50
27-Apr-31	George A. Hosley	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
12-Mar-29	John C. Chase	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
28-Jan-32	George F. West	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	195.10		(0.22)		194.88	0.00	0.02%	12.58	194.88	36.37	231.25
07-May-32	Mills Family	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
	Cumulative total			1.25%	10,008.07	0.00	(11.38)	0.00	9,996.69	0.00		645.31	9,996.69	1,865.73	11,862.42

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11-Jan-33	A. H. Wilcomb	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.06%	468.25		(0.53)		467.72	0.00	0.06%	30.19	30.19	467.72	87.29	555.01
19-Jan-32	John F. & Jennie Green	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
08-Jul-35	Ellen A. Gates	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
23-Oct-37	Fred B. & Alice E. Boyles	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
08-Dec-38	James Marden	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	42.18		(0.05)		42.13	0.00	0.01%	2.72	2.72	42.13	7.86	49.99
11-Aug-39	Frances L. Hazellon	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
21-Aug-40	Margdalena Robbs	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
31-Oct-40	John H. Robie	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
08-Nov-41	Samborn - Morse	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	263.65		(0.30)		263.35	0.00	0.03%	17.00	17.00	263.35	49.15	312.50
28-Nov-41	Edward T. Morse	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.86	125.00
22-Aug-42	Isabella C. Clark	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
15-Feb-43	Lula E. Crawford	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
07-Dec-45	Anna M. Wakefield	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
09-Dec-47	George S. Webster	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
04-Dec-51	Mansur & Seibert	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
01-Apr-52	Ivory J. & Sarah J. Lovering	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
25-Jul-53	John L. Herson	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	263.65		(0.30)		263.35	0.00	0.03%	17.00	17.00	263.35	49.15	312.50
24-Sep-53	Nellie W. Kearns	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
30-Aug-58	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.02%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
20-Nov-58	Alma Wallis Wheeler	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
23-Jun-59	Orlando H. Underhill	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
20-Dec-60	Myron F. Brown	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
	Harriette E. & Walter E. Drowne	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
	Cumulative total			1.81%	14,499.67	0.00	(16.49)	0.00	14,483.18	0.00		934.92	934.92	14,483.18	2,703.05	17,186.23

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12-Jun-61	George D. Rand	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
25-Aug-61	Fred G. Bartlett	Village Cem.	Common Trust	421.85		(0.48)		421.37	0.00	0.05%	27.20	27.20	421.37	78.64	500.01
25-Aug-61	Albert M. Hardy	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
25-Aug-61	George Hook	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
06-Feb-62	Robinson - Martin	Village Cem.	Common Trust	116.01		(0.13)		115.88	0.00	0.01%	7.48	7.48	115.88	21.63	137.51
05-May-62	Wallace L. Kimball	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
10-May-63	Elizabeth Mills & George Moolton	Village Cem.	Common Trust	142.37		(0.16)		142.21	0.00	0.02%	9.18	9.18	142.21	26.54	168.75
15-May-63	John Wason	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
13-Jun-63	Elta F. Punton	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
07-May-64	Grant - Slatbird	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
02-May-33	Buzzell A. Follansbee	Village Cem.	Common Trust	63.28		(0.07)		63.21	0.00	0.01%	4.08	4.08	63.21	11.80	75.01
01-Aug-33	Carlos W. Noyes	Village Cem.	Common Trust	79.10		(0.09)		79.01	0.00	0.01%	5.10	5.10	79.01	14.75	93.76
24-Mar-50	William Finnigan	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
24-Apr-50	Victoria J. Brown	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
15-Jan-54	Moses Tewksbury	Village Cem.	Common Trust	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
25-Aug-54	Weeks & Forsaith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
20-Oct-55	Rufus Forsaith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
19-Jan-65	Henry H. & Emeline T. Lane	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
13-May-68	Warren F. Robinson	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
10-Jun-68	Ihez Stowe Henderson and Hazel I. Stone	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
27-Jun-68	Hazel Butler Hurd	Village Cem.	Common Trust	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
08-Aug-68	Chris Hans Pomp	Village Cem.	Common Trust	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
07-Apr-69	Fitts & Hunt	Village Cem.	Common Trust	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
	Cumulative total			18,327.92	0.00	(20.84)	0.00	18,307.08	0.00		1,181.76	1,181.76	18,307.08	3,416.72	21,723.80

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07-Jul-69	Charles H. Edwards	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
16-Jan-70	Amos E. & Mary A. Hazellon	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
20-Feb-53	Farish G. Lewis	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
19-May-71	John F. Robie	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
24-Nov-71	Leon B. Richardson	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
31-May-72	Woodbury Marsters	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
31-May-72	John M. Webster	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
09-May-73	Victor & Perley Spollett	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
27-Jun-73	Loren P. Rand	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
23-Aug-73	North Chester Ladies Aid	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	0.04%	20.40	20.40	316.02	58.98	375.00
16-Nov-73	Adams - Richardson	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	210.92		(0.24)		210.68	0.00	0.03%	13.60	13.60	210.68	39.32	250.00
21-Nov-75	Margaret L. Ross	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	52.73		(0.06)		52.67	0.00	0.01%	3.40	3.40	52.67	9.83	62.50
20-Jun-78	Ethel L. Hills	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
02-Jan-68	French Addition	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.09%	756.78		(0.86)		755.92	0.00	0.09%	48.80	48.80	755.92	141.08	897.00
16-Nov-49	Robert Hazellon	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.18%	1,463.51		(1.67)		1,461.84	0.00	0.18%	94.37	94.37	1,461.84	272.83	1,734.67
11-Jun-83	Edward J. & Rhoda K. Murphy	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.05%	421.85		(0.48)		421.37	0.00	0.05%	27.20	27.20	421.37	78.64	500.01
30-Sep-83	Dorothy Everell	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.07%	527.31		(0.60)		526.71	0.00	0.07%	34.00	34.00	526.71	98.30	625.01
15-Apr-48	John G. Lang	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
15-Apr-48	Edwin Jones	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
05-May-48	Osgood Richards	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
29-Sep-49	Preston E. Goodrich	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.02%	158.19		(0.18)		158.01	0.00	0.02%	10.20	10.20	158.01	29.49	187.50
05-Jul-50	William H. West, Arthur H. West and George West	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.03%	263.65		(0.30)		263.35	0.00	0.03%	17.00	17.00	263.35	49.15	312.50
19-Oct-50	William A. Moore	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	0.01%	6.80	6.80	105.34	19.66	125.00
	Cumulative total			3.13%	25,030.32	0.00	(28.47)	0.00	25,001.85	0.00		1,613.93	1,613.93	25,001.85	4,866.18	29,668.03

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26-Aug-51	George E. Gillingham	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	20.40	20.40	0.00	316.02	58.98	375.00
01-May-51	J. Wesley Smith	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	6.80	6.80	0.00	105.34	19.66	125.00
02-Sep-58	Arthur M. & Guy Lawrence Basfor	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	6.80	6.80	0.00	105.34	19.66	125.00
20-Mar-59	Susie M. Gillingham	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.04%	316.38		(0.36)		316.02	0.00	20.40	20.40	0.00	316.02	58.98	375.00
13-Jul-79	Austin Lane	Village Cem.	Common Trust	0.01%	105.46		(0.12)		105.34	0.00	6.80	6.80	0.00	105.34	19.66	125.00
03-Jan-05	Lester Michall	Village Cem. Perpetual care of cemetery	Common Trust	0.07%	599.59		(0.68)		598.91	0.00	38.66	38.66	0.00	598.91	111.78	710.69
03-May-04	Village Cemetery Trust		Common Trust	3.32%	26,579.06		(30.23)	0.00	26,548.83	0.00	1,713.79	1,713.79	0.00	26,548.83	4,954.90	31,503.73
24-Dec-46	Amos Tuck French Trust	Perpetual care French Plot	Common Trust	0.62%	4,986.57		(5.59)	0.00	4,980.88	0.00	322.20	322.20	0.00	4,980.88	931.48	5,922.36
24-Dec-46	Great Hill Cemetery Trust	Perpetual care of cemetery	Common Trust	6.81%	54,520.54		(62.09)	0.00	54,458.45	59,356.66	3,515.66		62,872.32	117,330.77	10,163.89	127,494.66
01-Feb-78	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Prevention Equipment	Common Trust	0.64%	5,110.45		(5.92)		5,104.63	0.00	329.54	329.54	0.00	5,104.63	952.71	6,057.34
04-Mar-83	E. Mackintosh Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Common Trust	0.13%	1,022.09		(1.16)		1,020.93	0.00	65.91	65.91	0.00	1,020.93	190.54	1,211.47
31-Dec-96	Dean T. Leighton Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Purposes	Common Trust	0.51%	4,081.09		(4.65)		4,076.44	0.00	263.16	263.16	0.00	4,076.44	760.81	4,837.25
07-Oct-88	Rhonda A. Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Common Trust	13.03%	104,312.80		(118.80)		104,194.00	0.00	6,726.43	6,726.43	0.00	104,194.00	19,446.33	123,640.33
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Chester Fire Department				114,526.43	0.00	(130.43)	0.00	114,396.00	0.00			0.00	114,396.00	21,350.39	135,746.39
10-Feb-10	George W. Stevens Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	0.04%	351.04		(0.40)		350.64	0.00	22.64	22.64	0.00	350.64	65.44	416.08
02-Jan-31	John C. Chase Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	0.06%	516.54		(0.59)		515.95	0.00	33.31	33.31	0.00	515.95	96.29	612.24
30-Mar-05	Dr. James Brown School Book Trust Fund	School Library	Common Trust	0.65%	5,165.39		(5.88)		5,159.51	0.00	333.08	333.08	0.00	5,159.51	962.95	6,122.46
25-Jan-88	Dorothy Shedd Memorial Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	0.06%	516.54		(0.59)		515.95	0.00	33.31	33.31	0.00	515.95	96.29	612.24
26-Jun-91	Meta M. Lindgren Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	0.06%	516.54		(0.59)		515.95	0.00	33.31	33.31	0.00	515.95	96.29	612.24
24-Jan-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	60% Public	Common Trust	29.52%	236,334.34		(269.15)		236,065.19	0.00	15,239.69	15,239.69	0.00	236,065.19	44,058.21	280,123.40
24-Apr-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	40% School and Public Libraries	Common Trust	19.68%	157,556.23		(179.43)	0.00	157,376.80	0.00	10,159.74	10,159.74	0.00	157,376.80	29,372.14	186,748.94
07-Oct-88	Rhoda A. Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	13.14%	105,186.55		(119.79)		105,066.76	0.00	6,782.77	6,782.77	0.00	105,066.76	19,600.21	124,675.97
09-Jul-88	Mary E. Dodge Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Common Trust	0.64%	5,086.61		(5.79)		5,080.82	0.00	328.00	328.00	0.00	5,080.82	948.26	6,029.08
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Town and School District Library				511,229.76	0.00	(582.21)	0.00	510,647.55	0.00			0.00	510,647.55	95,305.08	605,952.63

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1915	Wilcomb Home Trust	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.57%	4,537.36	10,000.00	(5.17)	10,034.52	4,497.67	0.00	0.57%	292.58	292.58	0.00	845.87	5,343.54
1927	Lydia A. Newell Trust	Town Poor	Common Trust	1.72%	13,787.46		(15.70)		13,771.76	0.00	1.72%	889.06	889.06	0.00	2,570.30	16,342.06
Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Poor	Common Trust	2.30%	18,400.03		(20.96)		18,379.07	0.00	2.30%	1,186.49	1,186.49	0.00	3,430.19	21,809.26
15-Jul-60	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust II	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.92%	7,378.67		(8.40)		7,370.27	0.00	0.92%	475.80	475.80	0.00	1,375.55	8,745.82
08-Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust III	Town Poor	Common Trust	1.27%	10,157.57		(11.57)		10,146.00	0.00	1.27%	654.99	654.99	0.00	1,893.61	12,039.61
14-Mar-72	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust IV	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.65%	5,225.05		(5.95)		5,219.10	0.00	0.65%	336.93	336.93	0.00	974.07	6,193.17
01-Feb-82	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust V	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.62%	4,997.61		(5.69)		4,991.92	0.00	0.62%	322.26	322.26	0.00	931.87	5,923.59
09-Feb-84	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust I	Town Poor	Common Trust	2.08%	16,658.42		(19.02)		16,637.40	0.00	2.08%	1,074.11	1,074.11	0.00	3,105.37	19,742.77
05-Feb-83	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.83%	6,647.30		(7.57)		6,639.73	0.00	0.83%	428.64	428.64	0.00	1,239.21	7,878.94
1970	Wilcomb-Townsend Drawing Fund	Town Poor	Common Trust	0.13%	1,002.63		(1.14)		1,001.49	0.00	0.13%	64.65	64.65	0.00	186.91	1,188.40
	Total Trust Funds (b/c Town Poor)				88,790.09	10,000.00	0.00	10,034.52	88,654.40	0.00				0.00	16,552.75	105,207.15
	TOTAL NON-CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS			100%	800,642.45	10,000.00	(911.82)	10,034.52	799,696.11	59,356.66	100%	51,628.05	48,112.39	62,872.32	149,258.34	1,011,826.92
22-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Police Department	Capital Expenditures	Money market funds and bonds	0.00%	0.00				0.00	185.54	3.00%	8.33		193.87	0.00	193.87
2000/2001	Capital Reserve: Towle Road	Road Repairs	Money Market Funds	0.00%	2,725.00				2,725.00	178.48	4.78%	130.26		308.74	0.00	3,033.74
23-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Fire Department	Capital Expenditures	Money market funds and bonds	0.00%	45,000.00			45,000.00	0.00	11,360.39	0.00%	580.76	5,000.00	6,941.15	0.00	6,941.15
26-May-99	Town Hall Restoration Fund	Town Hall Restoration	Money Market Funds	0.00%	9,255.79				9,255.79	546.87	4.75%	435.79		986.66	0.00	10,242.45
2001/2002	Capital Reserve: School Repairs	School Repairs	Money Market Funds	0.00%	27,375.00				27,375.00	1,327.03	0.55%	151.68		1,478.71	0.00	28,853.71
2005/2006	Capital Reserve: Clock Fund	Repair Clock	Money Market Funds	0.00%	5,000.00			5,000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
2006/2007	Capital Reserve Fund Municipal Complex Improvement	Capital Expenditures	Money Market Funds	0.00%	0.00	27,000.00		6,586.00	20,414.00	0.00		324.05		324.05	0.00	20,738.05
2006/2007	Capital Reserve Fund Watson Pond Rec Fund	Capital Expenditures	Money Market Funds	0.00%	0.00	82,750.00			82,750.00	0.00		177.28		177.28	0.00	82,927.28
2006/2007	Capital Reserve Fund Winter Road Maintenance Fund	Capital Expenditures	Money Market Funds	0.00%	0.00	85,000.00			85,000.00	0.00		182.10		182.10	0.00	85,182.10
	Total Capital Reserve Funds			0.00%	89,355.79	194,750.00	0.00	56,586.00	227,519.79	13,598.31		1,994.25	5,000.00	10,592.56	0.00	238,112.35
	Grand Total of All Chester Trust Funds				889,998.24	204,750.00	(911.82)	66,620.52	1,027,215.90	72,954.97		53,622.30	53,112.39	73,464.88	149,258.34	1,249,939.27

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25000	Abbotts Labs Notes 5.88%	0.00	25,374.38		13,000.00	-629.79	25,374.38	0.00	1,480.99	-1,480.99	0.00	25,374.38	\$	\$ (449.38)	\$ 24,925.00
13000	Aetna Inc Corp Bond	13,629.79					0.00	0.00	463.13	-463.13	0.00	0.00	\$	sold	\$
40000	AT&T Broadband Corp Bond	39,058.86					39,058.86	0.00	3,350.00	-3,350.00	0.00	39,058.86	\$	598.00	\$ 44,448.00
5000	AT&T Global Notes	4,862.16					4,862.16	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.00	4,862.16	\$	20.90	\$ 5,018.00
625	AT&T Bell	15,115.18					21,149.89	0.00	1,402.52	-1,402.52	0.00	21,149.89	\$	20,364.75	\$ 57,685.00
578765	AT&T Bell South Corp Stock MERGER	6,034.71			6,034.71		0.00	0.00	365.03	-365.03	0.00	0.00	\$	merger AT&T	\$
332	Bank of America Stock	11,345.00					11,345.00	0.00	743.68	-743.68	0.00	11,345.00	\$	262.28	\$ 16,231.48
7000	Bankers Trust Co Corp Bond 6.7%	6,848.06					6,848.06	0.00	469.00	-469.00	0.00	6,848.06	\$	(65.52)	\$ 7,018.90
17000	Bankers Trust Co Corp Bond 7.375%	17,332.00					17,332.00	0.00	1,253.76	-1,253.76	0.00	17,332.00	\$	(291.89)	\$ 17,205.70
16000	Bear Stearns Corp Bond	16,901.85					0.00	0.00	1,190.00	-1,190.00	0.00	0.00	\$	sold	\$
20000	Bell South Corp Bond	20,737.00			17,000.00	98.15	20,737.00	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.00	20,737.00	\$	sold	\$
375	Chattanooga Voy Co. Stock	10,695.48					10,695.48	0.00	292.50	-292.50	0.00	10,695.48	\$	709.60	\$ 20,214.00
21000	Chattanooga VY Corp Bond	10,180.97					10,180.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,180.97	\$	637.50	\$ 14,553.75
275	Chevron/Teneco Corp	14,711.07					14,711.07	0.00	588.50	-588.50	0.00	14,711.07	\$	1,161.93	\$ 17,744.58
325	Citigroup, Inc. Stock	15,320.32					15,320.32	0.00	669.50	-669.50	0.00	15,320.32	\$	6,059.50	\$ 23,166.00
21000	CitiGroup Internatles	21,954.00					21,954.00	0.00	1,260.00	-1,260.00	0.00	21,954.00	\$	988.00	\$ 16,669.25
425	Congr's Foods Inc. Stock	10,687.97					10,687.97	0.00	306.00	-306.00	0.00	10,687.97	\$	274.89	\$ 20,516.79
1094	Del Monte Foods Co Stock	11,638.84					11,638.84	0.00	175.04	-175.04	0.00	11,638.84	\$	2,018.75	\$ 11,415.50
250	Diageo PLC, Stock	15,054.77					15,054.77	0.00	605.38	-605.38	0.00	15,054.77	\$	1,017.42	\$ 13,303.04
325	Dow Chemical Stock	15,552.94					15,552.94	0.00	487.52	-487.52	0.00	15,552.94	\$	3,940.00	\$ 20,827.50
4000	Dow Chemical Corp Bond 6.125%	4,161.48					4,161.48	0.00	245.00	-245.00	0.00	4,161.48	\$	1,686.75	\$ 14,371.50
20000	Dow Chemical Corp Bond 5.45%	20,754.50					20,754.50	0.00	1,090.00	-1,090.00	0.00	20,754.50	\$	4,305.44	\$ 20.20
300	Du Pont EIDE NeMour Stock	14,407.44					14,407.44	0.00	444.00	-444.00	0.00	14,407.44	\$	438.80	\$ 19,719.80
62000	Duke Capital Corp Bond	63,893.92					63,893.92	0.00	4,960.00	-4,960.00	0.00	63,893.92	\$	2,772.00	\$ 15,252.00
25000	Emerson Electric Note 5.0%	25,402.83			10,034.52	34.52	25,402.83	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.00	25,402.83	\$	(876.68)	\$ 88,811.32
Exxon	Mobile Stock	0.00	10,000.00				0.00	0.00	42.24	-42.24	0.00	0.00	\$	200.50	\$ 24,775.00
16000	Ford Motor Company Stock	20,924.00					20,924.00	0.00	80.00	-80.00	0.00	20,924.00	\$	11,088.00	\$ 15,072.00
10000	Ford Motor Credit Corp Bond 7.375	10,451.30			8,000.00	-297.88	10,451.30	0.00	737.50	-737.50	0.00	10,451.30	\$	818.90	\$ 9,952.20
8000	Ford Motor Credit Corp Bond 6.75%	8,297.88					0.00	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.00	0.00	\$	7,889.28	sold
8000	Ford Motor Credit SR Note 5.8%	7,626.92					7,626.92	0.00	464.00	-464.00	0.00	7,626.92	\$	622.64	\$ 7,844.72
550	General Motors Corp Stock	15,335.73					15,335.73	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.00	15,335.73	\$	16,384.50	\$ 4,405.50
10000	General Motors Corp Bond	10,179.40					10,179.40	0.00	687.50	-687.50	0.00	10,179.40	\$	9,402.40	\$ 9,936.50
18000	Goldman Sachs Corp Bond	17,832.43					17,832.43	0.00	1,197.00	-1,197.00	0.00	17,832.43	\$	18,414.18	\$ (414.18)
5000	GTE Corp Bond	5,827.50					5,827.50	0.00	437.50	-437.50	0.00	5,827.50	\$	5,757.45	\$ 5,931.15
87	Hanes Brands, Inc. - Spinoff from Sarah Lee	0.00					0.00	0.00	10.89	-10.89	0.00	0.00	\$	spinoff Sarah Lee	\$ 2,351.61
300	Heinz H J Co Stock	10,651.36					10,651.36	0.00	420.00	-420.00	0.00	10,651.36	\$	12,366.00	\$ 14,241.00
25000	Honeywell Int'l. Inc Senior Note	0.00	24,892.75				24,892.75	0.00	1,353.75	-1,353.75	0.00	24,892.75	\$	(570.50)	\$ 24,322.25
15000	Household Finance Corp Bond 6.2%	17,579.42					17,579.42	0.00	930.00	-930.00	0.00	17,579.42	\$	14,814.00	\$ 259.65
18000	Household Finance Corp Bond 7.1%	16,538.82					16,538.82	0.00	1,278.00	-1,278.00	0.00	16,538.82	\$	18,464.94	\$ 523.98
3000	Household Finance Corp Bond 7.65%	3,038.00			3,000.00	-38.00	3,000.00	0.00	229.50	-229.50	0.00	3,000.00	\$	3,046.44	sold
13000	Household Finance Corp Bond 8.00%	14,314.51					14,314.51	0.00	1,040.00	-1,040.00	0.00	14,314.51	\$	13,977.99	\$ (93.47)
21	IDEARC INC. - spinoff from Verizon	0.00					0.00	0.00	17.14	-17.14	0.00	0.00	\$	spinoff Verizon	\$ 741.93
5000	JC Penney Corp Bond	5,010.30			5,000.00	-10.30	5,000.00	0.00	380.00	-380.00	0.00	5,000.00	\$	5,059.10	sold
425	JP Morgan Chase & Co. Stock	15,349.48					15,349.48	0.00	578.00	-578.00	0.00	15,349.48	\$	17,850.00	\$ 2,741.25
300	Kellogg Company Stock	9,450.15					9,450.15	0.00	349.20	-349.20	0.00	9,450.15	\$	14,529.00	\$ 1,008.00
8000	Lehman Brothers Corp Bond	8,068.52			8,000.00	-68.52	8,000.00	0.00	590.00	-590.00	0.00	8,000.00	\$	8,059.44	sold
425	Merck & Co. Stock	14,693.94					14,693.94	0.00	646.00	-646.00	0.00	14,693.94	\$	15,482.75	\$ 21,165.00
8000	PNC funding Corp Bond	7,894.60					7,894.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,894.60	\$	(1,892.21)	\$ 35,495.80
5000	ProvidentNational Bank	5,000.00					5,000.00	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.00	5,000.00	\$	8,056.88	\$ 8,002.64
250	Public Storage Stock	14,789.39					14,789.39	0.00	265.00	-265.00	0.00	14,789.39	\$	4,866.25	\$ 4,928.35
700	Sarah Lee Corp Stock	15,323.85					15,323.85	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00	15,323.85	\$	18,975.00	\$ 230.00
34000	SBC Communications Corp Bond 6.25%	34,382.00					34,382.00	0.00	348.25	-348.25	0.00	34,382.00	\$	11,214.00	\$ 19,200.00
30000	Sears and Roebuck Corp Bond 6.25%	29,024.00					29,024.00	0.00	1,225.00	-1,225.00	0.00	29,024.00	\$	34,213.18	\$ 34,588.20
450	Southern Co. Stock	11,599.93					11,599.93	0.00	1,875.00	-1,875.00	0.00	11,599.93	\$	29,793.30	\$ 29,950.50
25000	Stanley Works Notes 4.9%	25,249.97					25,249.97	0.00	712.50	-712.50	0.00	25,249.97	\$	14,422.50	\$ 15,430.50
							10,463.85	0.00	1,225.00	-1,225.00	0.00	10,463.85	\$	10,119.50	\$ 10,069.70
							25,249.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,249.97	\$	457.50	\$ 24,065.25

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Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of: **CHESTER, NH** On June 30, **2007**

# SHARES OR UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT Names of Bank, Stock, Bonds, Etc.	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					PAGE 4			
		Balance Beginning Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	Beg of Yr Fair Value	Unrealized Gains	End of Yr Fair Value
23000	Transamerica Financial Bnd zero cpm	9,061.94					9,061.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,061.94	\$ 15,682.09	\$ 1,354.47	\$ 17,036.56
8000	Transamerica Financial Corp Bond	7,943.32					7,943.32	0.00	512.00	-512.00	0.00	7,943.32	\$ 8,097.54	\$ (24.66)	\$ 8,072.88
4000	US West Commun Corp Bond	3,653.96					3,653.96	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.00	3,653.96	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 3,985.00
422	Verizon Communications Stock	6,299.42					6,299.42	0.00	683.64	-683.64	0.00	6,299.42	\$ 14,132.78	\$ 3,240.96	\$ 17,373.74
20000	Verizon N E Corp Bond	20,634.00					20,634.00	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	0.00	20,634.00	\$ 19,874.00	\$ 653.40	\$ 20,527.40
	Walmart Stores SR Note	30,337.80					30,337.80	0.00	1,425.00	-1,425.00	0.00	30,337.80	\$ 28,926.80	\$ 443.40	\$ 29,370.00
11000	Wisconsin Energy Corp Bnd	10,988.61					10,988.61	0.00	715.00	-715.00	0.00	10,988.61	\$ 11,226.82	\$ 94.27	\$ 11,321.09
	Money Market Account - Combined Account	77,341.40	114,034.95		146,858.71		44,517.64	0.00	1,627.62	-1,627.62	0.00	44,517.64	\$ 77,341.40	\$ -	\$ 46,145.24
	Income Payments Due 6/30/2006	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ (49,169.07)	\$ -	\$ -
	Income Payments Due 6/30/2007	0.00	0.00				0.00	59,356.65	0.00	3,515.66	62,872.31	62,872.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (48,112.39)
	Great Hill Earnings Due	-135,786.39	0.00				-136,617.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-136,617.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	ADJUST MS-10 TO MS9 BALANCES	800,642.45	217,724.80	0.00	216,927.94	-911.82	799,696.11	59,356.65	51,628.05	-48,112.39	62,872.31	862,568.32	\$ 936,803.09	\$ 75,023.82	\$ 1,011,826.91
	TOTAL TRUST FUNDS														
	Capital Reserve - Police - Acct #1378	0.00				0.00	0.00	185.54	8.33	0.00	193.87	193.87	\$ 185.54	\$ -	\$ 193.87
	Capital Reserve - Towle Road - Acct #1394	2,725.00				0.00	2,725.00	178.48	130.26	0.00	308.74	3,033.74	\$ 2,903.48	\$ -	\$ 3,033.74
	Capital Reserve - Fire Dept - Acct #1473	45,000.00	-45,000.00			0.00	0.00	11,360.39	580.76	-5,000.00	6,941.15	6,941.15	\$ 56,360.39	\$ -	\$ 6,941.15
	Capital Reserve - Town Hall Rest Acct#0890	9,255.79					9,255.79	546.87	439.79	0.00	986.66	10,242.45	\$ 9,802.66	\$ -	\$ 10,242.45
	Capital Reserve - School Repair - Wadsworth	27,375.00					27,375.00	1,327.03	151.68	0.00	1,478.71	28,853.71	\$ 28,702.03	\$ -	\$ 28,853.71
	Capital Reserve - Town Clock & Steeple	5,000.00			5,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Capital Reserve - Municipal Complex Imp Fund	0.00	27,000.00		6,586.00		20,414.00	0.00	324.05	0.00	324.05	20,738.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,738.05
	Capital Reserve - Wason Pond Rec Fund	0.00	82,750.00				82,750.00	0.00	177.28	0.00	177.28	82,927.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,927.28
	Capital Reserve - Winter Road Maintenance	0.00	85,000.00				85,000.00	0.00	182.21	0.00	182.21	85,182.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,182.10
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	89,355.79	149,750.00	0.00	11,586.00	0.00	227,519.79	13,598.31	1,994.36	-5,000.00	10,592.67	238,112.46	\$ 102,954.10	\$ 0.00	\$ 238,112.35
	CAPITAL RESERVE + TRUST FUNDS	889,998.24	367,474.80	0.00	228,513.94	-911.82	1,027,215.90	72,954.96	53,622.41	-53,112.39	73,464.98	1,100,680.78	\$ 1,039,757.19	\$ 75,023.82	\$ 1,249,939.26

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

Debits

<u>Uncollected Taxes 06/30/07</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Property Taxes		747,984.13	
Land Use Taxes		45,010.00	
Yield Tax		815.00	
Excavation Tax		40.00	
<u>Taxes Committed this Year</u>			
Property Taxes	5,068,129.00	5,363,373.09	
Land Use Taxes	58,000.00	3,000.00	
Yield Tax	10,135.00	6,202.00	
Excavation Tax	575.00		
<u>Overpayments</u>			
Property Taxes	25,957.09	49,990.70	
Land Use Taxes			
Yield Tax			
Excavation Tax			
Interest Collected	22.68	34,942.81	
Penalties other taxes		13,645.00	
Costs before Lien		1,960.50	
Total Debits	5,162,818.77	6,266,963.23	-

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

Credits

<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Property Taxes	2,678,673.10	5,950,488.41	
Land Use Taxes	27,500.00	48,010.00	
Yield Tax	10,020.00	4,673.00	
Excavation Tax	135.00	40.00	
Interest	22.68	22,893.33	
Penalties other tax		12,774.00	
Conversion to lien		204,250.17	
 <u>Abatements</u>			
Property Taxes	23,112.50	23,694.32	
Land Use Taxes			
Yield Tax			
Excavation Tax			
Penalties other taxes		140.00	
 <u>Uncollected Taxes</u>			
Property Taxes	2,392,300.49		
Land Use Taxes	30,500.00		
Yield Tax	115.00		
Excavation Tax	440.00		
 Total Credits	5,162,818.77	6,266,963.23	-

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
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Debits	Last Year's Levy		
	2006	2005	2004
Unredeemed Liens Balance		101,018.39	33,307.12
Liens Executed During Year	204,250.17		
Interest & Costs	2,526.53	7,931.97	11,733.46
Total Debits	206,776.70	108,950.36	45,040.58
Credits			
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	36,822.28	59,589.20	33,071.92
Interest & Costs	1,170.53	8,462.90	11,968.66
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax			
Liens Deeded to Municipality			
Unredeemed Liens Balance	168,783.89	40,898.26	
Total Credits	206,776.70	108,950.36	45,040.58

Town Clerk's Financial Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

GL Account	Description	Debit	Credit
01-1010-1-001	Cash	\$833,626.65	
01-3210-4-001	UCC Filings		\$1,165.00
01-3220-2-001	6,210 Motor Vehicles & Titles		\$818,816.85
01-3220-2-003	Due Interware		520.80
01-3290-1-001	412 Dog Licenses & Fines		2,972.50
01-3290-3-001	Marriage Licenses		675.00
01-3290-5-001	Vital Record Copies		572.00
01-3509-1-001	Miscellaneous		8,904.50
	Grand Totals	\$833,626.65	\$833,626.65

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara L. Gagnon
 Chester Town Clerk

Budget Committee Report For Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget

In 2005, the citizens of Chester voted to join more than 90 other New Hampshire towns to establish an official Budget Committee that would act under the statutory provisions of RSA 32, known as the Municipal Budget Law. During the years leading up to that time, a lot of folks in town had experienced a boom in their personal portfolios and savings due to unprecedented increases in the stock markets and technology, and thereafter, another boom in the real estate market. Many citizens were able to refinance and cash out their home equity due to annual increases in their homes' values. Credit was cheap. The "wealth effects" were floating everyone's boats.

Chester's taxes in the beginning of the decade were relatively low and the town attracted many newcomers. Necessary upgrades were also made to our infrastructure, such as capping of the landfill and construction of the transfer station, construction of a new fire station, construction of a new school, and a school addition. The cost to fund these items contributed to placing Chester on an annual spending pace, then acknowledged by many, to be unsustainable on an ongoing basis. Then from 2002 to 2005, the Chester School Budget experienced annual increases of 14.8%, 9.1%, 8.8% and 5.3%. During those same years, the town experienced annual growth in the municipal operating budgets of 10.5%, 10.1%, 3.1% and 10.9%, respectively. Additionally, in 2004, the town voted to borrow \$2.1 million to reconstruct nine roads. However, only two were completed and five only partially completed. The town will continue to pay back that bond until 2014.

The official Budget Committee, by statute serves the residents as an independent, oversight review board to make recommendations to the taxpayers regarding proposed appropriations which are funded by tax revenues. The Committee is comprised of seven volunteer residents who serve as regular members. A Selectperson and a School Board member also serve as two additional voting members of the Committee. Since its formation, the Budget Committee has devoted thousands of collective hours examining each line item in the School District and Municipal Budgets before making recommendations to the taxpayers. The Committee's duties include reviewing past actual expenditures, longer-term trends, funding alternatives and other financial data. Since the town chose to install the Committee 3 years ago, it has largely been successful in achieving consensus with the School Boards and the Boards of Selectmen. The resulting annual School District Growth has been 6.2%, 4.1% and 5.0% from 2006 through 2008. On the municipal side, spending growth has slowed to -8.0%, 8.4% and 4.8%, respectively. With the combined efforts of all boards, and the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, longer term saving for acquisition of more expensive "capital" items and repairs has also been implemented. Most parties involved have concurred, and it has been reported to the public that a better measure of "fiscal responsibility" has taken hold.

Recently, the Committee reached agreement with the School Board over the implementation of an \$11.05 million budget for the Chester School District in fiscal year 08-09. The school budget process, although lengthy at times, was frank, open and very productive. We believe such processes are very beneficial to the school children, the parents, the teachers and the taxpayers. We look forward to working with the School Board and District again.

Similarly, on the municipal side, the Budget Committee recently completed meetings with every municipal department at least once to review proposed budgets and written explanations that were submitted by departments in advance. This year, the Committee met with the larger departments; namely, Police, Fire and Highway Departments on at least two and sometimes three or four occasions during the months of February through April. These additional discussion sessions were held at the request of some of these departments and involved the Board of Selectmen. The sessions were held in workshop format to allow for full and free discussion and deliberation and were designed to allow the departments to fully and directly present their positions, and to reduce confusion. The departments were receptive to the opportunity and we thank each department that provided the necessary data in support of their requests.

After these sessions, the Budget Committee did reach consensus over many municipal-side budget items with a few exceptions. The Committee is recommending warrant articles to purchase rather than lease 2 new police vehicles, with on-board cameras, to protect citizens; and our officers and the Town alike, from non-meritorious allegations. Another highlight is the recommendation of another warrant article to fund a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to acquire another police vehicle by July, 2009, a generator for the Fire Department and other items. After other discussions the Selectmen agreed with the Budget Committee to recommend funding 95% of the budget preliminarily reached by the Board of Selectman after their earlier talks with the Fire Department. We are confident that with the large increases provided to the Fire Department in previous years, that the Fire Department will continue to be able to implement most if not all of desired upgrades to the firehouse, equipment, personnel and training over the several-year plan the new Chief has embarked upon. Additionally, after many discussions culminating in a lengthy Sunday meeting with Selectmen and Road Agent, the Committee is recommending a warrant article so that the taxpayers may vote on a bond to reconstruct East Derry Road and 4 other roads.

At the time of the writing of this report, finalized warrant articles were not available to the Budget Committee for comments to be included with this report. The Committee will be prepared to address all of its recommendations on the warrant articles at Town meeting.

While no process, group or department is ever perfect, particularly in budgeting into the future when economic climates are changing, the ultimate goal of the Budget Committee was to arrive at recommendations with which each department can realistically operate and which the town may be able to afford.

Ultimately, you the voters must decide what is necessary and prudent.

Trends Since the Adoption of the Official Budget Committee in 2005

The Budget Committee understands the significant downturn to our economic health that individuals, the State and the Country are suffering through. The “real estate bubble” burst and now there is a severe credit tightening whereby people are no longer able to borrow against their home, or to obtain credit. We know that foreclosures are underway in Chester.

By most experts’ estimates, this foreclosure crisis is at just the tip of its iceberg. Additionally, collection of motor vehicle excise

fees, the major non-tax revenue source for the town, is declining as a result of residents downsizing their vehicles and forestalling their own purchase of new vehicles.

The Committee feels obligated to remain in tune with economic conditions. According to Martin Feldstein, Professor of Economics at Harvard University and President of The National Bureau of Economics Research, which is the official arbiter of when recessions begin, stated in an interview with the Boston Globe that the U.S. has slipped into a deep recession that could be the most serious since WW II. Professor Feldstein, who is considered by many economists, to be the official word on economic cycles, also stated that the situation is bad, it’s getting worse, and the risks are that the situation could be very bad.¹ Oil prices are surging with no end in sight, the U.S. economy barely grew in January and was predicted to decline in February, foreclosures are at an alarming rate, and the stock market and U.S. dollar are weakening.² Private employers have also cut payrolls by 101,000 jobs in February, part of a “very toxic mixture” where “things are going to get worse in the immediate future”, reports Nigel Gault, Chief U.S. Economist at Global Insight, a Waltham, Massachusetts forecasting firm.³ Moreover, should our federal executive leadership change hands, as may occur after the national election in November, there are plans by two of the presidential candidates to significantly raise federal income taxes across the economic spectrum where the lowest earners will pay 50% more, the highest earners 13% more.⁴

In Concord, the Supreme Court in its Londonderry decision ruled the school funding formula to be unconstitutional. The legislative commission tasked with making statewide recommendations has voted to provide Chester \$575,000 less in our state educational grant next year (approximately 20% less than the \$3.1 million Chester was fortunate to receive this past year.) While those discussions continue, Chester must be prepared to make up the shortfall with further increased local property taxes. Residents must also keep in mind that this increase will not be

¹ The Boston Globe, March 17, 2008 edition.

² Id.

³ The Boston Globe, March 8, 2008 edition.

⁴ The Wall Street Journal Report, aired April 13, 2008 on NH Public Television, WENH-TV, Channel 11.

enough to cover costs of Kindergarten, which is now also required by the State Constitution, and which must be implemented this fall.⁵

New Hampshire towns and its residents, particularly ones like Chester with small commercial tax bases may likely need to consider financial retrenchment, requiring changes in lifestyle,

and tightening of household's and municipal budgets alike in order to bridge the gap between solvency of families who are or will experience difficulty choosing between increasingly expensive gas, groceries and heating oil, and increasing real estate taxes.

While no committee or group of people can ever please everyone all the time, the Budget Committee has worked hard as an oversight committee, as required by State Law and its commitment

to the Town. The Committee is comprised of a diverse mix of residents, including both long-term as well as newer residents of various ages and occupations. It includes both agricultural and trades persons, as well as current and semi-retired professionals, and business owners and employees alike. Most importantly, the Committee continues to use its best efforts to represent all interests, particularly those of Chester citizens fairly, and in a frank and open manner. Of course, like any process, person or thing in life we welcome any suggestions to improve discourse and the budgeting process in general. Similarly, we invite any interested resident to get involved as there are two positions open on the Committee.

In closing, the Budget Committee would like to thank first and foremost, the citizens who have expressed their support and thanks for its efforts, as well as various town officials who have worked with us in a forthright manner to prepare and complete budgets for the benefit of Chester's citizens.

We look forward to seeing a large turnout at the Town Meeting on May 13th, 2008!

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Budget Committee

By: Thomas C. LaPorte, Vice-Chair

⁵ The School District did obtain a 1 year extension to implement the Kindergarten, pending promulgation of State guidelines and does expect to receive a certain percentage of State aid for construction costs. However, it is expected that there will be no State aid for operations, such as payment of salaries and benefits for Kindergarten staff, not to mention supplies and educational materials.

Town of Chester

New Hampshire



2008 Proposed Warrant & Budget

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State of New Hampshire

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, County of Rockingham,
State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Chester Municipal Offices in said Chester on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13th) day of May next, at 8:00 AM to act on Articles 1-5. The polls will close at 7:00 PM. After the ballots are counted, the Meeting will continue on Wednesday, May fourteenth (14th) at 7:00 PM in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Article 6 through Article 30 will be taken up at that time.

Article #1. To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amend the title of the current Table 2 to read Setbacks and No Clearing Buffer Zones, create a section in Table 2 for clearing of driveways and to add footnotes referencing where the Exeter River is described and where No Clearing Buffer is defined.

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Adopt Article 13 – Growth Management with amendments to Section 13.3 Maximum Sustainable Growth to allow for a more timely determination of the maximum growth rate.

Article #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amend Section 4.8 – Farming by adding a new Subsection 4.8.2 – Best Management Practices to read as follows: “4.8.2.1 - Livestock shall not be penned, tied or housed within a one hundred (100) foot protective radius around a residential well nor shall manure be stored within such a radius.

Article #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 4** as proposed by petition of the voters for the town to amend Table 2 as follows:

“Table 2, Setbacks, No Cut and No Clearing Zones” so that all Exeter River setbacks and buffer requirements are the same as those currently required for Wetlands and Ponds, Creeks & Streams. Adoption of this amendment will establish consistency for setbacks and buffers applicable to all designated sensitive and prime wetlands. [The Planning Board does not recommend adoption and disapproves of this zoning amendment]

Article #6

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,430,000.00 (One Million Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) (Gross Budget) for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, approximately 6/10 of a mile of East Derry Road, and for work on Jennifer Drive, Holman Way, Parker Road, and Rand Drive, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,430,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants for this project that may be available, and finally to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$9,000 (NH Bond Bank) plus

\$4,000 for the documentation and issuance costs for the bond and authorize the Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote?

(Tax Impact 0.03 cents)

(2/3 ballot vote required)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 6-0)

Article #7

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three million, four hundred forty four thousand, eight hundred ninety eight dollars (\$3,444,898) for the support of the Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

(Selectmen recommend)

(Budget Committee recommends)

		Budget Committee Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
4100-	General government	1,001,757	1,001,757
4200-	Public safety	849,258	849,258
4300-	Highway, streets, bridges and sanitation	667,139	667,139
4400-	Health and welfare	38,320	38,320
4500-	Culture and recreation	177,518	177,518
4600-	Conservation and economic development	7,382	7,382
4700-	Debt service	703,524	703,524
4900-	Capital outlay	0	0
	Total Appropriation	3,444,898	3,444,898

Article #8

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,483.40 for the purchase of a police cruiser and an in-car camera for the Police Department?

(Tax Impact 0.06 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

Article #9

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,853.00 for the purchase of a Ford Expedition and an in-car camera for the Police Department?

(Tax Impact 0.07 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

Article #10

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to purchase two (2) in-car cameras for the Police Department and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend a 50% matching grant for this purpose, provided further that this article be null and void and of no effect if a grant for the purchase of the cameras is not received.

(Tax Impact 0.02 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 6-0)

Article #11

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000.00 for the repair and reconstruction of the Wason Pond Dam in order to satisfy the requirements identified by the Dam Safety Engineer of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services?

(Tax Impact 0.49 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 1-6)

Article #12

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,100.00 for the purpose of hiring one full-time police officer, said sum to include salary, benefits and full uniform and equipment?

(Tax Impact 0.11 cents)

(Selectmen Do Not Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 0-7)

Article #13

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for engineering plans and specifications for the reconstruction and repair of Lane Road and Fremont Road?

(Tax Impact 0.22 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 2-4)

Article #14

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 (Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2006 for the purpose of sanding, salting, plowing and compensating workers for winter maintenance of roads in the Town of Chester?

(Tax Impact 0.16 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 6-1)

Article #15

Shall the Town of Chester vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Fremont Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding repairs and renovations to the Fremont Road Bridge and raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 from taxation to be placed in this fund, and further raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$68,500 to be placed in this fund with said amount to come from fund balance (surplus) and not raised by additional taxation (the amount of surplus is equivalent to the encumbered appropriations for the Fremont Road Bridge made at the 2001 and 2005 town meeting) and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund?

(Tax Impact 0.04 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 6-0)

Article #16

Shall the Town of Chester vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,400.00 for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Spring Hill Farm and Buildings?

(Tax Impact 0.02 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 2-5)

Article #17

Shall the Town of Chester vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of equipment and vehicles to be known as the Equipment and Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,045 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. (This sum represents the CIP recommended appropriation of \$16,545 for cruiser replacement at the police department, \$17,500 for a generator at the fire department and \$26,000 for a rescue truck at the fire department). *(Majority vote required)*

(Tax Impact 0.11 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

Article #18

Shall the Town of Chester vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of renovating, upgrading, improving and adding on to town buildings to be known as the Building Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of

\$24,107 to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend the fund. (This sum represents the CIP recommended appropriation for a 3-bay garage at the police station). *(Majority vote required)*

(Tax Impact 0.05 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 1-6)

Article #19

Shall the Town of Chester adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of the revenue from highway block grants for highway expenditures. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the highway special revenue fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. *(Majority vote required).*

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 0-6)

Article #20

Shall the Town of Chester, if Article 19 is adopted, raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,834 for the purpose of improving, reconstructing, and paving roadways in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the special revenue fund established as the Highway Special Revenue Fund in Article 19 above, which funds are separate from the general fund.

(Tax Impact 0.20 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 0-6)

Article #21

To see if the people of the Town of Chester will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,400.00 and authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of these funds from the Town Forest fund in accord with RSA 31:113. Said Town Forest Fund was established in 1983 at Town Meeting. And further to authorize the Conservation Commission as the agents to expend these funds for the following purposes: to prepare and file the easement of the Hatton Forest; to prepare a baseline monitoring report for the Hatton Forest; to prepare a forest management plan for the Hatton Forest; to prepare and file a conservation easement for the South Woods properties; to prepare a forest management plan for the South Woods properties; to prepare a baseline monitoring report for the South Woods properties; and to develop an invasive species control plan for Herrick Woods, the Natural Area, and Spring Hill Farm and to carry out invasive species control activities.

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 4-2)

Article #22

Shall the Town of Chester vote to establish a special revenue fund pursuant to RSA 31:95c to be known as the Wason Pond Special Revenue Fund. The money received from fees and charges for the use and activities as the Wason Pond recreation area and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year-to-year and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Commission and after approval by the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting approval is required). These funds may be expended only for recreation and conservation purposes, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose.

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Does Not Recommend 0-6)

Article # 23

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5845.00 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article 29, May 14, 2003), separate from the General Fund.

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

(Selectmen Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

Article #24

Shall the Town of Chester vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease of a portion of Town-owned land (Tax Lot 17-7) to Gary and Sharon Welch of 17 Haverhill Road, Chester, New Hampshire, 03036 for an area approximately 60 feet by 60 feet along the edge of Tax Map Lot 17-6 on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen determine are in the best interest of the Town.

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

Article #25 - Submitted by Citizens Petition

Petition to rescind the adoption of Budget Committee:

The individuals whose signatures appear below support a Warrant Article to be placed on the Ballot for the Chester Town Meeting in May 2008 to rescind the Warrant Article to adopt a Budget Committee and revert the committee status back to that of an Advisory Board pursuant to RSA 32:14V. If passed, this Article would take effect May 2009.

Article #26 - Submitted by Citizens Petition

Petition to reduce the total number of seats on the Budget Committee:

In accordance with RSA 32:15 IV, the individuals whose signatures appear below support a Warrant Article to be placed on the Ballot for the Chester Town Meeting in May 2008 to reduce the total number of members of the Budget Committee to three (3).

If passed, this Article would take effect May 2009. The first year the terms would be staggered so one seat would be for 1 year, another for 2 years and the third for 3 years. Subsequent terms would be 3 years for each seat.

Article #27 - Submitted by Citizens' Petition

To grant the following easement located at what is commonly referred to as Spollett's General Store, solely for the purposes of ingress and egress, to Mary Gesel of said Town of Chester:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Haverhill Road N 49°06'24"E 14.26' from an Iron Pipe found down 2", said point being the southwest corner of the herein described easement, thence; N 49°06'24" and along the southerly side of the before mentioned Haverhill Road to a point S 49°06'24" W 212.72' from a 1" iron pipe found, thence;

N 32°56'45" W 1.33 to a point, thence;
S 57°15'45" W 18.60' to a point, thence;
S 32°15'36" E 4.00' to the point of beginning.

Said parcel being 49 square feet and being more fully shown as "easement area" on a plan entitled "Easement Plan Prepared for & Land of Mary A. Gesel & Town of Chester, 2 Haverhill Road, Chester N.H." dated June 7, 2007.

Article #28 - Submitted by Citizens Petition

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Chester, New Hampshire, believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge," have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Article # 29

To see if the town will vote to change an existing full time fire fighter position to a full time working Chief position by combining the full time salary budget line item with the Chiefs stipend budget line item into one full time salary budget line item.

(If passed, this will have no tax impact)

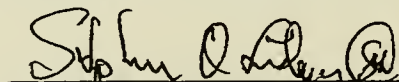
Article #30

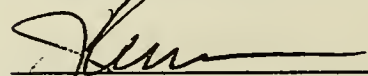
To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

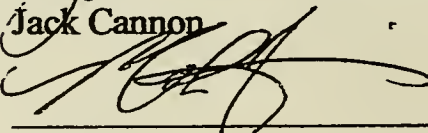
(Selectmen recommend)

Chester Board of Selectmen


Michael A. Weider, Chair


Stephen O. Landau, Vice Chair


Jack Cannon


Mark Harris

James Hassam

**Town of Chester
Budgeted Expenses Encumbrances
Summary**

				2008-2009	2008-2009
Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
General Government					
4130-1	Executive Office	\$122,514	\$68,452	\$85,223	\$85,223
4130-2	Town Administration	\$64,421	\$80,551	\$87,427	\$87,427
4140-1	Town Clerk	\$50,102	\$55,997	\$59,773	\$59,773
4140-2	Supervisors of the Checklist	\$12,842	\$13,509	\$18,844	\$18,844
4150-1	Financial Administration	\$141,875	\$162,425	\$194,245	\$194,245
4150-4	Tax Collector	\$43,368	\$51,357	\$54,092	\$54,092
4150-5	Treasurer	\$3,824	\$3,536	\$3,537	\$3,537
4152	Total Assessing	\$90,737	\$97,788	\$102,562	\$102,562
4153	Legal	\$97,996	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
4191	Planning Board	\$60,358	\$67,253	\$63,239	\$63,239
4193	Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$12,434	\$13,164	\$13,200	\$13,200
4194-1	General Government Buildings	\$170,401	\$160,734	\$170,734	\$170,734
4194-2	Stevens Hall	\$33,051	\$28,150	\$16,152	\$16,152
4195	Cemetaries	\$2,226	\$3,450	\$19,505	\$19,505
4196	Insurance Not Alloted	\$33,718	\$38,718	\$41,882	\$41,882
4197	Ad & Regional Associations	\$6,095	\$6,309	\$6,342	\$6,342
Total General Government		\$945,961	\$916,393	\$1,001,756	\$1,001,756
Public Safety					
4210	Police Department	\$390,919	\$408,236	\$425,843	\$425,843
4215	Ambulance	\$38,500	\$45,000	\$45,500	\$45,500
4220	Fire Department	\$202,628	\$262,452	\$284,890	\$284,890
4221	Forest Fires	\$3,594	\$3,117	\$4,102	\$4,102
4240	Building Inspector	\$83,569	\$88,815	\$81,923	\$81,923
4290	Emergency Management Equip. &	\$0	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,000
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total Public Safety		\$719,210	\$813,720	\$849,258	\$849,258
Highways, Streets & Sanitation					
4312	Highways and Streets	\$253,105	\$345,082	\$494,999	\$494,999
4316	Street Lighting	\$2,022	\$1,400	\$2,200	\$2,200
4324	Solid Waste-Transfer	\$141,488	\$154,558	\$155,240	\$155,240
4325	Landfill	\$13,875	\$15,200	\$14,700	\$14,700
Total Highway, Streets, Bridges & Sanitation		\$410,490	\$516,240	\$667,139	\$667,139
Health & Welfare					
4414	Animal Control	\$1,235	\$1,050	\$1,000	\$1,000
4419	Other Health	\$18,860	\$18,342	\$20,300	\$20,300
4442	Welfare-Direct Assistance	\$6,882	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
4444	Welfare-Intergov'n't'l	\$3,603	\$3,770	\$4,020	\$4,020
Total Health & Welfare		\$30,580	\$36,162	\$38,320	\$38,320
Culture & Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$49,272	\$51,464	\$55,112	\$55,112
4530	Wason Pond	\$3,450	\$803	\$1,303	\$1,303
4530	Wason Pond Community Center	\$3,481	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300
4535	Wason Pond Caretaker Cottage	\$4,801	\$2,500	\$900	\$900
4540	Wason Pond Bathhouse/Store	\$597	\$611	\$610	\$610
????	Wason Pond Advisory Commission	\$0	\$3,153	\$3,153	\$3,153
4550	Chester Public Library	\$97,600	\$94,772	\$95,800	\$95,800
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
4584	Historical Society	\$441	\$250	\$250	\$250
4585	Public Access Television	\$1,227	\$1,405	\$1,640	\$1,640
4586	Chester Senior Citizens	\$2,513	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
4587	Town Fair Fireworks	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,800	\$6,800
Total Culture & Recreation		\$169,883	\$170,908	\$177,518	\$177,518
Conservation					
4619	Conservation & Eco. Development	\$11,077	\$7,654	\$7,382	\$7,382
Total Conservation & Economic Development		\$11,077	\$7,654	\$7,382	\$7,382
Total Operating Budget Before Debt		\$2,287,199	\$2,461,077	\$2,741,372	\$2,741,372
Debt Service					
4711	Total Principal Long Term Notes	\$706,243	\$711,931	\$595,143	\$595,143
4721	Total Bond Interest	\$156,424	\$137,462	\$108,380	\$108,380
4723	Debt Interest - TAN's	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1
Total Debt Service		\$862,667	\$849,393	\$703,524	\$703,524
Total Operating Budget		\$3,149,867	\$3,310,470	\$3,444,896	\$3,444,896

**Town of Chester
Budgeted Revenues Summary**

	2007-2008	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
	BOS	BC	BOS	BC
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
Property Tax Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Yield Taxes	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Excavation Tax	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0
Penalties and Interest	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$39,000	\$39,000
Business Licenses and Permits	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$700,700	\$700,700
Heating Permits	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Building Permits	\$40,040	\$40,040	\$36,386	\$36,386
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$4,255	\$4,255	\$5,860	\$5,860
Federal Funds via State	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$22,780	\$22,780
Revenue From State of NH	\$304,000	\$304,000	\$329,130	\$329,130
Local Government Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue From Charges For Services	\$21,400	\$21,400	\$25,430	\$25,430
Revenue From Miscellaneous Services	\$162,810	\$162,810	\$143,760	\$143,760
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
Total before Prop. Tax & Bonds	\$1,225,005	\$1,225,005	\$1,312,746	\$1,312,746
Proceeds From Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund	\$1,225,005	\$1,225,005	\$1,312,746	\$1,312,746

General Government
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Account				BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Executive Office					
01-4130-1-110	EX Contract- Minutes	11,256	15,188	6,000	6,000
01-4130-1-111	EX Salaries- Minutes	2,702	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-4130-1-130	EX Salaries	11,177	11,550	11,550	11,550
01-4130-1-220	EX Fica/Medicare	1,062	1,113	1,113	1,113
01-4130-1-260	EX Workers Comp	33	27	27	27
01-4130-1-270	EX Life/Disability	0	0	0	0
01-4130-1-341	EX Telephone	1,081	800	800	800
01-4130-1-520	EX Printing	122	100	100	100
01-4130-1-560	EX Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	733	500	500	500
01-4130-1-625	EX Postage	481	250	250	250
01-4130-1-645	EX Mileage	0	1	1	1
01-4130-1-675	EX Advertising	1,536	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4130-1-690	EX Miscellaneous	2,630	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4130-1-696	EX Town Web Page	880	1,000	1,000	1,000
	EX Town Web Page Administrator			2,000	2,000
01-4130-1-270	EX Pact Fund	642	1	1	1
01-4130-1-698	EX Beaver Creek	0	1	1	1
01-4130-1-699	EX NPDES (Stormwater Mgmt)		1	1	1
	EX COLA Adjustment		25,200	55,879	55,879
	EX COLA Loadings		6,720	0	0
01-4130-1-741	05/06 Flood Contract Svcs	6,350			
01-4130-1-810	06/07 Flood Salaries	3,657			
01-4130-1-811	06/07 Flood Fica/Medicare	264			
01-4130-1-812	06/07 Flood NH Retirement	12			
01-4130-1-813	06/07 Flood W/C	171			
01-4130-1-740	05/06 Flood Equip. Rental				
01-4130-1-841	06/07 Flood Contract Services	48,738			
01-4130-1-850	06/07 Flood Materials	28,988	0		
	Total Executive Office	122,514	68,452	85,223	85,223
Town Administration					
01-4130-2-110	TA Salary FT	25,976	35,360	36,420	36,420
01-4130-2-112	TA Admin Support P/T	0	0		
01-4130-2-150	TA Contract. Adm. Asst.	9,018	0		
01-4130-2-210	TA Health Insurance	5,220	8,233	8,101	8,101
01-4130-2-220	TA Fica/Medicare	1,967	2,705	2,786	2,786
01-4130-2-230	TA NH Retirement	1,760	3,090	3,183	3,183
01-4130-2-260	TA Workers Comp	60	81	91	91
01-4130-2-341	TA Telephone	1,748	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4130-2-431	TA Copier Lease	4,305	4,000	4,000	4,000
01-4130-2-560	TA Dues & Subscrip	331	500	500	500
01-4130-2-620	TA Office Supplies	2,046	2,200	2,200	2,200
01-4130-2-625	TA Postage	895	750	750	750
01-4130-2-645	TA Mileage	440	300	360	360
01-4130-2-630	TA Postage Meter Rental	179	360	300	300
01-4130-2-689	TA Vending Machines	794	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4130-2-690	TA Miscellaneous	339	200	200	200
01-4130-2-741	TA Computer Equipment	1,005	9,700	15,365	15,365
01-4130-2-742	TA Computer Support	0	1	1	1
01-4130-3-550	TA Town Report	8,115	10,250	10,250	10,250
01-4130-3-560	TA Training	223	220	220	220
01-4130-3-670	TA Books & Periodicals	0	100	200	200
	Total Town Administration	64,421	80,551	87,427	87,427

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		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Account				BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk					
01-4140-1-110	TC Salaries - Deputy	3,849	6,917	8,692	8,692
01-4140-1-130	TC Salaries	23,312	23,283	25,181	25,181
01-4140-1-210	TC Health Insurance	6,934	8,223	7,864	7,864
01-4140-1-220	TC Fica/Medicare	2,050	2,310	2,591	2,591
01-4140-1-230	TC NH Retirement	1,578	2,035	2,201	2,201
01-4140-1-260	TC Workers Comp	62	69	63	63
01-4140-1-314	TC DMV Software	1,460	3,450	3,450	3,450
01-4140-1-316	TC Eregs	592	600	1,016	1,016
01-4140-1-320	TC State Vital Records Pmnts	1,926	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4140-1-341	TC Telephone	912	944	950	950
01-4140-1-430	TC Office Equipment Repair	263	300	300	300
01-4140-1-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	40	50	50	50
01-4140-1-561	TC Training & Seminars	35	150	100	100
01-4140-1-570	TC Dog Tags	233	325	325	325
01-4140-1-620	TC Office Supplies	658	650	700	700
01-4140-1-621	TC Computer/Equipment	2,217	2,650	1,450	1,450
01-4140-1-625	TC Postage	1,239	1,500	2,400	2,400
01-4140-1-650	TC Mileage	100	65	65	65
01-4140-1-670	TC Books & Periodicals	40	75	75	75
01-4140-1-741	TC Office Equipment	605	600	500	500
01-4140-1-742	TC Computer Support	1,996	800	800	800
	Total Town Clerk	50,102	55,997	59,773	59,773
Supervisors of the Checklist					
01-4140-2-110	EL Salaries - Ballot Clerks	2,501	3,000	3,140	3,140
01-4140-2-130	EL Salaries - Supervisors	3,877	3,200	6,678	6,678
01-4140-2-131	EL Salaries -Asst Moderator	400	400	400	400
01-4140-2-132	EL Salaries - Moderator	500	500	500	500
01-4140-2-220	EL Fica/Medicare	557	543	874	874
01-4140-2-260	EL Workers Comp	19	16	40	40
01-4140-2-341	EL Telephone	443	900	840	840
01-4140-2-520	EL Printing	0	400	400	400
01-4140-2-620	EL Office Supplies	314	400	400	400
01-4140-2-625	EL Postage	46	100	100	100
01-4140-2-640	EL Meals	789	800	888	888
01-4140-2-675	EL Advertising	438	450	500	500
01-4140-2-740	EL Equipment	0	100	1,500	1,500
01-4140-2-741	EL Equip Maint	2,958	2,700	2,584	2,584
	Total Supervisors of the Checklist	12,842	13,509	18,844	18,844

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		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Account				BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Financial Administration					
01-4150-1-110	FA Finance Director-Salary	40,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
01-4150-1-120	FA Salaries - Accounting	36,643	33,946	32,000	32,000
01-4150-1-130	FA Salaries Internal Audit	973	0	0	0
01-4150-1-150	FA Contract Finance Director			1	1
01-4150-1-210	FA Health Insurance	19,189	21,282	44,153	44,153
01-4150-1-220	FA Fica/Medicare	5,840	7,569	7,421	7,421
01-4150-1-230	FA NH Retirement	2,301	2,967	8,478	8,478
01-4150-1-260	FA Workers Comp	178	228	243	243
01-4150-1-314	FA Computer Support	12,620	10,000	12,500	12,500
01-4150-1-341	FA Telephone	1,372	850	1,500	1,500
01-4150-1-430	FA Office Equipment Maint	636	500	500	500
01-4150-1-431	FA Office Equipment	2,645	750	750	750
01-4150-1-560	FA Dues/Subscriptions	245	100	200	200
01-4150-1-620	FA Office Supplies	3,488	1,700	4,000	4,000
01-4150-1-625	FA Postage	834	800	850	850
01-4150-1-645	FA Travel Reimb	322	200	200	200
01-4150-1-670	FA Books & Periodicals	180	150	150	150
01-4150-2-220	FA Audit FICA/Medicare				
01-4150-2-301	FA External Audit	13,210	14,000	14,000	14,000
01-4150-2-320	FA GASB	0	50	50	50
01-4150-2-560	FA Training Seminar	188	250	250	250
01-4150-3-620	BC Budget Committee	1,013	2,083	2,000	2,000
	Total Financial Administration	141,875	162,425	194,245	194,245
Tax Collector					
01-4150-4-110	TX Salaries - Deputy	3,741	6,917	8,692	8,692
01-4150-4-130	TX Salaries	23,312	23,283	25,181	25,181
01-4150-4-210	TX Health Insurance	6,934	8,233	7,864	7,864
01-4150-4-220	TX Fica/Medicare	2,042	2,310	2,591	2,591
01-4150-4-230	TX NH Retirement	1,578	2,035	2,201	2,201
01-4150-4-260	TX Workers Comp	60	69	63	63
01-4150-4-341	TX Telephone	438	524	550	550
01-4150-4-560	TX Dues & Subscriptions	20	50	50	50
01-4150-4-561	TX Training & Seminars	0	100	75	75
01-4150-4-610	TX Office Supplies	451	500	500	500
01-4150-4-625	TX Postage	2,003	1,850	2,000	2,000
01-4150-4-650	TX Travel	0	50	50	50
01-4150-4-651	TX Recording Fees	175	400	400	400
01-4150-4-670	TX Books & Periodicals	0	75	75	75
01-4150-4-725	TX Tax Lien Search	741	700	800	800
01-4150-4-730	TX Tax Bill Preparation	1,394	1,550	1,600	1,600
01-4150-4-741	TX Equipment & Repair	480	1,000	600	600
01-4150-4-742	TX Computer Support	0	1,710	800	800
	Total Tax Collector	43,368	51,357	54,092	54,092
Treasurer					
01-4150-5-130	T Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-4150-5-220	T Fica/Medicare	230	230	230	230
01-4150-5-260	T Workers Comp	7	7	7	7
01-4150-5-340	T Bank Services	403	200	200	200
01-4150-6-314	T Computer Software	304	0		
01-4150-6-650	T Mileage	0	50	50	50
01-4150-6-690	T Miscellaneous	(119)	50	50	50
	Total Treasurer	3,824	3,536	3,537	3,537

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				2008-2009	2008-2009
Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Assessing					
01-4152-2-110	AS Salaries - Clerk	23,216	30,017	32,002	32,002
01-4152-2-210	AS Health Insurance	18,546	21,282	22,077	22,077
01-4152-2-220	AS Fica/Medicare	1,668	2,296	2,448	2,448
01-4152-2-230	AS Retirement	0	2,623	2,797	2,797
01-4152-2-260	AS Workers Comp	53	69	1,872	1,872
01-4152-2-312	AS Miscellaneous	245	160	160	160
01-4152-2-314	AS Computer Support	3,549	4,440	3,800	3,800
01-4152-2-341	AS Telephone	733	900	900	900
01-4152-2-350	AS Tax Map Maint	1,963	2,800	2,800	2,800
01-4152-2-391	AS Contract Service	39,326	31,100	31,352	31,352
01-4152-2-560	AS Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	228	480	629	629
01-4152-2-620	AS Office Supplies	486	500	500	500
01-4152-2-621	AS Computer Equipment	135	150	250	250
01-4152-2-622	AS Revaluation	0	0	0	0
01-4152-2-625	AS Postage	509	590	550	550
01-4152-2-645	AS Mileage	81	380	425	425
	Total Assessing	90,737	97,788	102,562	102,562
Legal					
01-4153-1-320	LE Services	97,996	65,000	65,000	65,000
	Total Legal	97,996	65,000	65,000	65,000

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				2008-2009	2008-2009
Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Planning Board					
01-4191-1-110	PB Planning Coord.	35,079	35,694	36,051	36,051
01-4191-1-111	PB Secretary - PT	0	0	0	0
01-4191-1-112	PB Recording Secretary	3,212	5,000	3,500	3,500
01-4191-1-210	PB Health Insurance	6,983	8,233	7,455	7,455
01-4191-1-220	PB Fica/Medicare	2,860	3,113	3,026	3,026
01-4191-1-230	PB Retirement	2,373	3,120	3,151	3,151
01-4191-1-260	PB Workers Comp	81	94	90	90
01-4191-1-341	PB Telephone	1,023	1,000	1,100	1,100
01-4191-1-390	PB Contract Services	441	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4191-1-430	PB Office Equip Maint	241	350	290	290
01-4191-1-550	PB Printing	992	800	775	775
01-4191-1-560	PB Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	75	200	200	200
01-4191-1-620	PB Office Supplies	420	300	350	350
01-4191-1-625	PB Postage	1,852	1,400	1,800	1,800
01-4191-1-651	PB Recording Fees	656	800	800	800
01-4191-1-670	PB Books & Periodicals	61	200	150	150
01-4191-1-675	PB Advertising	1,115	800	1,200	1,200
01-4191-1-690	PB Miscellaneous	119	150	200	200
01-4191-1-741	PB Office Equipment	842	500	425	425
01-4191-2-112	PB Planner	767	2,500	1	1
01-4191-2-114	PB Town Mapper	800	1,000	800	800
01-4191-2-116	PB Travel	367	500	375	375
	Total Planning Board	60,358	67,253	63,239	63,239
Zoning Board of Adjustment					
01-4193-1-110	ZBA Admin Asst Salaries	7,124	7,496	7,645	7,645
01-4193-1-112	ZBA Recording Sec.	692	1,200	1,200	1,200
01-4193-1-220	ZBA Fica/Medicare	598	665	677	677
01-4193-1-260	ZBA Workers Comp	18	28	28	28
01-4193-1-341	ZBA Telephone	1,161	1,300	1,300	1,300
01-4193-1-430	ZBA Office Equipment Maint.	560	200	200	200
01-4193-1-560	ZBA Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	134	500	300	300
01-4193-1-620	ZBA Office Supplies	256	175	200	200
01-4193-1-625	ZBA Postage	498	500	500	500
01-4193-1-645	ZBA Mileage	38	50	50	50
01-4193-1-651	ZBA Recording Fees	62	100	100	100
01-4193-1-670	ZBA Books & Periodicals	33	150	100	100
01-4193-1-675	ZBA Advertising	589	500	600	600
01-4193-1-741	ZBA Office Equipment	673.99	300	300	300
	Total Zoning Board of Adjustment	12,434	13,164	13,200	13,200

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				2008-2009	2008-2009
Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
General Government Buildings					
NEW LINE	SALARY FULL TIME			0	0
NEW LINE	SALARY PART TIME			0	0
NEW LINE	SALARY OT			0	0
NEW LINE	BENEFITS			0	0
01-4194-1-110	GB Salary Maintenance-Holmes	39,348	20,280	23,400	23,400
01-4194-1-111	GB Maintenance - Derek	0	11,034	17,000	17,000
01-4194-1-112	GB Custodian G Noyes	53	11,033	11,254	11,254
01-4194-1-119	GB Maint. Man Salary	2,280		0	0
01-4194-1-129	GB Snow Removal	0	1	0	0
01-4194-1-220	GB Fica/Medicare	2,976	3,240	3,952	3,952
01-4194-1-260	GB Workers Comp	1,459	1,486	1,978	1,978
01-4194-1-410	GB Electricity	19,259	15,410	19,000	19,000
01-4194-1-411	GB Heat & Oil	18,582	19,000	25,000	25,000
01-4194-1-412	GB Water	687	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4194-1-413	GB Sewer	1,102	1,100	1,100	1,100
01-4194-1-414	GB Propane	7,608	5,000	5,000	5,000
01-4194-1-430	GB Repairs & Maint	27,060	23,000	26,000	26,000
01-4194-1-432	GB Repairs & Maint (Stevens)	0	0	0	0
01-4194-1-435	GB Repairs & Maint (Alarm Sys)	976	2,500	2,500	2,500
01-4194-1-437	GB Repairs & Maint (Kitchen)	308	750	750	750
01-4194-1-439	GB Repairs & Maint (Highway	1,599	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4194-1-570	GB Dumpster	1,348	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4194-1-572	GB Dumpster-Kitchen	407	0	0	0
01-4194-1-622	GB Supplies	6,650	1,000	1,500	1,500
01-4194-1-623	GB Signs	83	300	300	300
01-4194-1-639	GB Gas/Oil	1,464	1,000	3,000	3,000
01-4194-1-640	GB Custodial	3,750	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-4194-1-641	GB Custodial Services (Police)	3,380	700	700	700
01-4194-1-642	GB Custodial (Multipurpose)	2,174	500	500	500
01-4194-1-643	GB Contract Rug Cleaning	801	1,000	0	0
01-4194-1-645	GB Floor Care	568	0	0	0
01-4194-1-647	GB Custodial (Post Office)	61	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4194-1-650	GB Groundskeeping	7,962	21,000	9,000	9,000
01-4194-1-740	GB Equipment Maint	5,111	500	500	500
NEW LINE	TRUCK MAINTENANCE			1,000	1,000
01-4194-1-743	GB Equipment Purch	982	5,000	2,500	2,500
01-4194-1-745	GB Maintenance Consolidation	0	0	0	0
01-4194-1-750	GB Furniture & Fixtures	4,254	1,200	1,200	1,200
01-4194-1-840	GB Post Office - Maint	4,619	5,000	2,500	2,500
01-4194-1-845	GB Edwards Mill Property	100	100	800	800
01-4194-1-850	GB Wason Pond Dam - inspections	100	100	800	800
01-4194-1-851	GB Wason Pond Dam Repair	3,293	0	0	0
01-4194-1-855	GB Spring Hill Maintenance	0	0	0	0
01-4194-1-999	GB Encumbered Funds/Warrant At	0	0	0	0
Total General Government Buildings		170,401	160,734	170,734	170,734

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		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Account				BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Stevens Hall					
01-4194-1-341	STVNS Telephone/Internet	0	0	0	0
01-4194-1-390	STVNS Contract Services	0	2,000	1	1
01-4194-2-410	STVNS Electricity	1,912	1,200	1,200	1,200
01-4194-2-411	STVNS Heat/Oil/Propane	5,038	7,000	7,000	7,000
01-4194-2-420	STVNS Maintenance	25,669	5,500	5,500	5,500
01-4194-2-430	STVNS Restoration	0	10,000	1	1
01-4194-2-510	STVNS Elevator	0	600	600	600
01-4194-2-622	STVNS Supplies	96	200	200	200
01-4194-2-640	STVNS Custodial	134	1,650	1,650	1,650
01-4194-2-650	STVNS Groundskeeping	202	0	0	0
	Total Stevens Hall	33,051	28,150	16,152	16,152
Cemeteries					
01-4195-1-110	CEM Salaries	140	0	1	1
01-4195-1-120	CEM Sexton Salary	0	0		
01-4195-1-220	CEM Fica/Medicare	11	0	1	1
01-4195-1-260	CEM Workers Comp	5	0	1	1
01-4195-1-390	CEM Contract Services	1588	2,500	17,500	17,500
01-4195-1-430	CEM Equipment Maint	60	350		
01-4195-1-635	CEM Gas/Oil	0	0	1	1
01-4195-1-690	CEM Miscellaneous	422	100	2,000	2,000
01-4195-1-740	CEM Equipment	0	500	1	1
	Total Cemeteries	2,226	3,450	19,505	19,505
Insurance Not Allot Ins Bond					
01-4196-1-520	INS General Liability	32,252.26	34,717	37,881	37,881
01-4196-1-523	INS FF Group Accident	0.00	0		
01-4196-1-524	INS Wilcomb Townsend	0.00	1	1	1
01-4196-1-530	INS Deductible Exp	1,200.00	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4196-1-535	INS Unemployment	265.41	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Total Insurance Not Allot Ins Bond	33,718	38,718	41,882	41,882
Ad & Regional Association					
01-4197-1-385	AD NHMA Dues	3,225	3,400	3,400	3,400
01-4197-1-390	AD So NH Planning Commission	2,870	2,909	2,942	2,942
	Total Ad & Regional Association	6,095	6,309	6,342	6,342
Total General Government		945,961	916,393	1,001,756	1,001,756

Public Safety
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Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Police Department					
01-4210-1-110	PD Salaries - Admin - Chief	90,710	61,285	59,850	59,850
01-4210-1-115	PD Salary Full Time Officers	0	77,720	75,920	75,920
01-4210-1-120	PD Salaries - Admin Asst	26,839	26,366	33,862	33,862
01-4210-1-122	PD Salaries -Officers Part Time	113,810	59,056	66,000	66,000
01-4210-1-124	PD Salaries -Clerical	0	1,853	1,000	1,000
01-4210-1-126	PD Salaries -Training for Perm	6,997	4,200		
01-4210-1-130	PD Salaries -Special Duty	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4210-1-131	PD Warrant Article for new Offcr.	0		0	0
01-4210-1-132	PD Salaries -On Call	14,340	5,000	3,000	3,000
01-4210-1-134	PD Salaries -Witness Fees	1,137	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4210-1-136	PD Salaries -Overtime	1,125	3,000	2,000	2,000
01-4210-1-220	PD Fica/Medicare	10,082	9,741	10,335	10,335
01-4210-1-260	PD Workers Comp	4,699	4,397	4,754	4,754
01-4210-1-314	PD Computer Support	4,886	6,000	3,500	3,500
01-4210-1-320	PD Admin Legal	149	14,000	14,000	14,000
01-4210-1-325	PD Contracted Services	0	0	0	0
01-4210-1-341	PD Admin Telephone/Fax	7,189	8,510	8,510	8,510
01-4210-1-550	PD Admin Printing	225	500	250	250
01-4210-1-560	PD Dues & Subscriptions	601	1,000	250	250
01-4210-1-620	PD Admin Office Supplies	1,792	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4210-1-625	PD Admin Postage	380	350	400	400
01-4210-1-661	PD 00 Cruiser Repair (Expedit)	2,479	2,000	0	0
01-4210-1-670	PD Books & Periodicals	670	1,000	500	500
01-4210-1-690	PD Miscellaneous	389	100	500	500
01-4210-3-430	PD Radar Repair	135	200	250	250
01-4210-3-635	PD Gas/Oil	10,052	11,000	14,000	14,000
01-4210-3-637	PD 05 Cruiser Repair	197	500	1,500	1,500
01-4210-3-663	PD 03 Cruiser Repair	615	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4210-3-665	PD Equip & Maint - Vehicle	881	1,500	1,500	1,500
01-4210-3-666	PD 00 Ford Cruiser	1,669	1,000	1	1
01-4210-4-210	PD Health Insurance	51,343.71	73,746	74,331	74,331
01-4210-4-230	PD Retirement	31,500.34	18,762	19,035	19,035
01-4210-5-430	PD Radio Repair	20.00	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4210-5-740	PD Radio Equipment	-	3,000	1,000	1,000
01-4210-5-810	PD Uniforms & Equip	3,281	1,500	4,000	4,000
01-4210-6-740	PD Training Supplies & Equip	2,357	1,000	2,000	2,000
01-4210-7-430	PD Security Camera	0	0	5,000	5,000
01-4210-7-725	PD Computers	0	1,650	1	1
01-4210-7-740	PD Office Equip	209	500	500	500
01-4210-8-430	PD Office Equip Maint	160	300	0	0
New Line	Incentives				
New Line	Vests			7,700	7,700
New Line	Conferences, Classes & Dues			2,895	2,895
New Line	Security Camera			0	0
New Line	2 Cruisers & Expedition			0	0
New Line	Digital In-car Cameras	0	0	0	0
	Total Police Department	390,919	408,236	425,843	425,843

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Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Ambulance					
01-4215-1-350	AM Contract Med Serv	38,500	45,000	45,500	45,500
	Total Ambulance	38,500	45,000	45,500	45,500
Fire Department					
01-4220-1-110	FD Salaries - Chief Antoine	3,605	3,606	5,000	5,000
01-4220-1-120	FD Salaries - Deputy Chief	1,811	1,811	1,811	1,811
01-4220-1-130	FD Administrative Assistant	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4220-1-136	FD Overtime	26	3,000	4,000	4,000
01-4220-1-140	FD Salaries - Duty Officer	7,900	10,712	7,900	7,900
01-4220-1-150	FD Salaries - Fire Fighters	30,110	31,050	39,000	39,000
01-4220-1-160	FD Salaries Career - FT Antoine	40,454	43,353	42,481	42,481
01-4220-1-170	Salaries - Career Daytime (FT) Wund	24,231	47,338	29,120	29,120
01-4220-1-210	FD Health Insurance	18,741	21,282	38,220	38,220
01-4220-1-215	FD Retirement Expenditure	0			
01-4220-1-220	FD Fica/Medicare	5,050	8,615	5,296	5,296
01-4220-1-230	FD NH Retirement	6,355	7,476	11,399	11,399
01-4220-1-260	FD Workers Comp	4,364	5,996	7,143	7,143
01-4220-1-341	FD Admin Telephone	1,603	1,800	1,800	1,800
01-4220-1-410	FD Electricity	3,957	4,500	4,500	4,500
01-4220-1-411	FD Propane - Heat	3,793	3,500	3,800	3,800
01-4220-1-430	FD EMS Contract Service	0	2,396	2,396	2,396
01-4220-1-560	FD Dues, Subscr. & Seminars	1,564	1,500	2,000	2,000
01-4220-1-561	FD Training/Education Material	5,115	8,000	10,000	10,000
01-4220-1-562	FD FirePrevention Inspections		1,000	2,000	2,000
01-4220-1-563	FD Fire Grant 04	-568			
01-4220-1-570	FD Dispatching Services	13,362	17,042	21,323	21,323
01-4220-1-620	FD Office Supplies	1,334	1,000	1,100	1,100
01-4220-1-635	FD Gas & Oil	3,857	3,500	4,500	4,500
01-4220-1-740	FD Equipment	3,906	2,500	2,500	2,500
01-4220-3-430	FD Radio Repair & Maint	701	3,000	2,000	2,000
01-4220-3-431	FD Computer Maintenance	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4220-3-435	FD Hazmat Equipment	0	2,250	1,000	1,000
01-4220-3-740	FD Radio Equipment	3,260	1,125	2,000	2,000
01-4220-4-810	FD Uniforms & Equip	3,078	1,000	1,500	1,500
01-4220-4-811	FD EMS Supplies & Equip	3,573	3,500	4,500	4,500
01-4220-6-660	FD Vehicle-Maintenance	4,092	5,500	7,500	7,500
New Line	FD Vehicle-Repair			3,000	3,000
01-4220-6-811	FD PPE		6,500	6,500	6,500
01-4220-7-350	FD Medical Services	2,000	1,200	2,000	2,000
01-4220-7-430	FD Building Maint	3,298	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4220-8-740	FD Nextel	1,577	1,800	2,000	2,000
01-4220-8-741	FD Comcast Internet	480	600	600	600
	Total Fire Department	202,628	262,452	284,890	284,890
Forest Fires					
01-4221-2-120	FF Salaries	359	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4221-2-220	FF Fica/Medicare	27	77	77	77
01-4221-2-260	FF Workers Comp	14	40	25	25
01-4221-8-660	FF Equipment Repair	1,513	1,000	1,500	1,500
01-4221-8-740	FF Equipment	1,681	1,000	1,500	1,500
	Total Forest Fires	3,594	3,117	4,102	4,102

Public Safety
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

				2008-2009	2008-2009
Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector					
01-4240-1-110	BI Salaries	54,952	55,308	47,917	47,917
01-4240-1-111	BI Salaries-Driveway	0	0	0	0
01-4240-1-113	BI Salaries-Clerical PT	0	1	1	1
01-4240-1-112 new	BI Contract Salaries		0	0	0
01-4240-1-210	BI Health Insurance	13,869	15,591	18,397	18,397
01-4240-1-220	BI Fica/Medicare	4,149	4,231	3,666	3,666
01-4240-1-230	BI NH Retirement	3,725	4,834	4,188	4,188
01-4240-1-260	BI Workers Comp	2,912	2,931	2,803	2,803
01-4240-1-341	BI Telephone	1,065	1,250	1,250	1,250
01-4240-1-391	BI Contract Services	0	100	100	100
01-4240-1-520	BI Printing	0	100	100	100
01-4240-1-560	BI Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	680	800	800	800
01-4240-1-620	BI Office Supplies	378	400	400	400
01-4240-1-623	BI Code Books	453	500	500	500
01-4240-1-625	BI Postage	6	100	100	100
01-4240-1-638	BI House Numbering	240	968	1	1
01-4240-1-645	BI Travel	305	500	500	500
01-4240-1-690	BI Miscellaneous	21	100	100	100
01-4240-1-741	BI Office Equipment	0	100	100	100
01-4240-1-742	BI Computers	575	900	900	900
01-4240-1-810	BI Safety Glasses/Boots	0	1	1	1
01-4240-2-430	BI Office Equip Maint	241	100	100	100
01-4240-3-430	BI Vehicle/Gas	0	0	0	0
	Total Building Inspector	83,569	88,815	81,923	81,923
Emergency Management (Civil Defense)					
01-4290-1-430	EM Equip Repairs & Maint	0	100	1,000	1,000
	Total Emergency Management (Civil Defense)	0	100	1,000	1,000
Other Public Safety					
01-4299-1-100	OPS Hazmat Mutual Aid	0	6,000	6,000	6,000
01-4299-1-110	OPS Health Office Cell Phone	0	0	0	0
	Total Other Public Safety	0	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Public Safety		719,210	813,720	849,258	849,258

Highways, Streets, and Sanitation
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Highways and Streets					
01-4312-1-109	HSB Road Agent	880	10,000	10,000	10,000
01-4312-1-110	HSB Salaries	18,434	31,075	61,000	61,000
01-4312-1-110	HSB Part time position	272	21,840	0	0
01-4312-1-111	HSB OT			1	1
01-4312-1-114	HSB Clerical	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-4312-1-115	HSB Drug Testing	166	80	100	100
01-4312-1-210	HSB Health Insurance	3,503	21,282	24,244	24,244
01-4312-1-220	HSB Fica/Medicare	1,396	5,042	5,661	5,661
01-4312-1-230	HSB Retirement	900	2,716	5,331	5,331
01-4312-1-260	HSB Workers Comp	1,261	3,243	5,661	5,661
01-4312-1-341	HSB Telephone	445	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4312-1-410	HSB Electricity	2,079	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4312-1-411	HSB Heat/Fuel	3,336	2,500	3,000	3,000
01-4312-1-430	HSB Building Maint.	191			
01-4312-1-620	HSB Office Supplies	0	1	100	100
01-4312-1-622	HSB Supplies	2,114	1,000	1,200	1,200
01-4312-1-623	HSB Signs	840	1,000	2,000	2,000
01-4312-1-626	HSB Truck Insurance	0			
01-4312-1-635	HSB Gas & Oil	4,386	4,200	12,000	12,000
01-4312-1-640	HSB Small Equip. Gas/Oil	185	0	0	0
01-4312-1-660	HSB Equip Repair & Truck	7,314	1,000	6,000	6,000
01-4312-1-161	NSC Equip Repair - loader	0	3,000	6,000	6,000
01-4312-1-665	HSB Equipment	1,113	1,000	4,000	4,000
01-4312-1-690	HSB Miscellaneous	400	100	200	200
01-4312-1-740	HSB Radio Equip Repair	1,769	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4312-1-901	HSB Sand/Gravel	12,151	20,000	22,000	22,000
01-4312-1-902	HSB Plowing	102,782	100,000	125,000	125,000
01-4312-1-904	HSB Culverts	1,731	1,000	2,000	2,000
01-4312-1-905	HSB Salt	28,685	40,000	50,000	50,000
01-4312-1-906	HSB Chipper	2,167	1,000	0	0
01-4312-1-907	HSB Dozer	0	1	0	0
01-4312-1-908	HSB Loader	0	1	0	0
01-4312-1-909	HSB Chain Saw	365	500	0	0
01-4312-1-910	HSB Excavator	6,095	1,000	0	0
01-4312-1-911	HSB Asphalt	7,216	12,000	40,000	40,000
01-4312-1-912	HSB Backhoe	5,098	5,000	0	0
01-4312-1-913	HSB Hired Equipment	11,716	5,000	35,000	35,000
01-4312-1-914	HSB Grader/Roller	15,986	17,000	25,000	25,000
01-4312-1-915	HSB Cold Patch	4,080	1,500	2,500	2,500
01-4312-2-570	HSB Roadside Cleanup	4,050	5,000	5,000	5,000
01-4312-2-700	HSB Surveying/Engineering	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
01-4312-2-999	HSB Truck Lease Payment	0	0	0	0
New Line	Crack Filling	0	0	15,000	15,000
	Total Highways and Streets	253,105	345,082	494,999	494,999
Street Lighting					
01-4316-3-410	SL Electric	2,022	1,400	2,200	2,200
	Total Street Lighting	2,022	1,400	2,200	2,200

Highways, Streets, and Sanitation
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Solid Waste - Transfer Station					
01-4324-1-110	TS Salaries Full Time	44,861	24,211	54,977	54,977
01-4324-1-115	TS Salaries Part Time		25,126		
01-4324-1-120	TS NH Retirement	1,679	2,116	2,545	2,545
01-4324-1-210	TS Health Insurance	6,983	8,223	7,454	7,454
01-4324-1-220	TS Fica/Medicare	3,404	3,774	4,206	4,206
01-4324-1-260	TS Workers Comp	1,921	2,107	2,556	2,556
01-4324-1-341	TS Telephone	1,620	900	900	900
01-4324-1-410	TS Electric	2,118	1,400	1,900	1,900
01-4324-1-560	TS Operator Certification	100	100	100	100
01-4324-1-622	TS Supplies & Equip	809	900	900	900
01-4324-1-623	TS Signs	92	100	1	1
01-4324-1-635	TS Gas for Equipment	249	200	200	200
01-4324-1-645	TS Mileage	220	250	250	250
01-4324-2-108	RECY TV, Computers	778	1,200	1,100	1,100
01-4324-2-109	RECY Propane Cylinder	190	200	200	200
01-4324-2-111	RECY Plastics	5,569	5,500	3,200	3,200
01-4324-2-113	RECY Comingled Cans	989	1,400	1,400	1,400
01-4324-2-114	RECY Paper	0	1	1	1
01-4324-2-115	RECY Freon, Appliance	784	950	900	900
01-4324-2-116	RECY Tire Removal	327	700	500	500
01-4324-2-117	RECY Glass	999	2,500	2,500	2,500
01-4324-2-118	TS Site Work	1,777	500	1,500	1,500
01-4324-2-122	TS Haz Waste Collection	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4324-2-124	TS Transport & Tipping	54,097	61,000	55,000	55,000
01-4324-2-125	TS Dump Sticker	292	300	300	300
01-4324-2-128	TS Mowing	0	0	0	0
01-4324-2-129	TS Snow Removal	10,960	8,500	10,500	10,500
01-4324-2-560	TS NRRA Dues	250	300	250	250
01-4324-2-620	TS Fluorescent Bulb Disposal	420	500	300	300
01-4324-2-640	TS Solid Fill Disposal	0	600	600	600
01-4324-2-660	TS Skid Steer	0	0	0	0
Total Solid Waste - Transfer Station		141,488	154,558	155,240	155,240
Landfill					
01-4325-1-100	LF Monitoring Wells	12,055	12,200	12,200	12,200
01-4325-1-110	LF Cap Maint	1,820	3,000	2,500	2,500
Total Landfill		13,875	15,200	14,700	14,700
Total Highway, Streets, Bridges & Sanitation		410,490	516,240	667,139	667,139

Health and Welfare
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Animal Control					
01-4414-1-110	ACO Salaries	972	0	0	0
01-4414-1-220	ACO FICA/Medicare	72	0	0	0
01-4414-1-260	ACO Workers Comp	20	0	0	0
01-4414-1-341	ACO Telephone	171	0	0	0
01-4414-1-390	ACO Vet Services	0	100	0	0
01-4414-1-392	ACO Kennel Fees	0	600	0	0
01-4414-1-394	ACO Animal Rescue League	0	250	0	0
01-4414-1-620	ACO Office Supplies	0	0	0	0
01-4414-1-691	ACO Travel	0	100	0	0
New Line	Animal Control Expense	0	0	1,000	1,000
	Total Animal Control	1,235	1,050	1,000	1,000
Other Health					
01-4419-1-349	WR Grt Derry Transport Council	1,500	0	0	0
01-4419-1-350	WR American Red Cross	500	397	450	450
01-4419-1-351	WR Center for Life Management	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,500
01-4419-1-352	WR Hospice & VNA	5,520	5,520	5,520	5,520
01-4419-1-353	WR Haven of Hope Shelter	690	0	0	0
01-4419-1-354	WR Caregivers Program	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
01-4419-1-355	WR Sexual Assault Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4419-1-356	WR A Safe Place	750	800	800	800
01-4419-1-357	WR Retired Senior Vol Program	100	100	100	100
01-4419-1-358	WR Son Shine Soup Kitchen	700	700	700	700
01-4419-1-359	WR Aids Response Seacoast	300	500	500	500
01-4419-1-360	WR Rockingham Cty Adult Tutor	150	100	100	100
01-4419-1-361	WR Seacoast Child Advocacy	100	100	100	100
01-4419-1-362	WR Regional Transit	1,300	2,375	4,280	4,280
	Total Other Health	18,860	18,342	20,300	20,300
Welfare-Direct Assistance					
01-4442-1-150	GA Burial Allotment		750	750	750
01-4442-1-341	GA Telephone	0	500	400	400
01-4442-1-350	GA Medical	128	900	720	720
01-4442-1-410	GA Electricity	1,005	1,150	1,280	1,280
01-4442-1-411	GA Fuel	857	2,000	2,200	2,200
01-4442-1-415	GA Food	0	750	600	600
01-4442-1-440	GA Rent	4,757	6,450	6,550	6,550
01-4442-1-690	GA Miscellaneous	135	500	500	500
	Total Welfare-Direct Assistance	6,882	13,000	13,000	13,000
Welfare-Intergovernmental Payments					
01-4444-1-100	WR IG Cap	3,185	3,352	3,527	3,527
01-4444-1-200	WR IG Meals on Wheels	418	418	493	493
	Total Welfare-Intergovernmental Payments	3,603	3,770	4,020	4,020
Total Health & Welfare		30,580	36,162	38,320	38,320

Culture and Recreation
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Parks & Recreation					
01-4520-1-110	REC Salaries	15,657	17,675	18,670	18,670
01-4520-1-120	Rec. Summer Wages	15,511	17,000	15,000	15,000
01-4520-1-220	REC Fica/Medicare	2,389	2,653	2,576	2,576
01-4520-1-260	REC Workers Comp	1,101	696	1,300	1,300
01-4520-1-341	REC Telephone	2,126	1,700	2,165	2,165
01-4520-1-390	REC Contract Services	0	0		
01-4520-1-410	REC Electricity	1,310	1,400	1,400	1,400
01-4520-1-430	REC Maint & Repairs - Building	1,815	1	1	1
01-4520-1-570	REC Trash Removal	0	1,440	2,173	2,173
01-4520-1-571	REC Portables	2,414	2,000	2,128	2,128
01-4520-1-622	REC Supplies & Equip	2,166	2,000	2,500	2,500
01-4520-1-626	REC Program Supplies	3,963	400		
01-4520-1-730	REC Improv/Add - Buildings	40	2,500	2,500	2,500
New Line	REC Seniors Programs	779	0	2,700	2,700
01-4520-1-760	REC Athletic Fields	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Total Parks & Recreation	49,272	51,464	55,112	55,112
Wason Pond					
01-4530-1-430	WP Repairs & Maint	2,273	1	1	1
01-4530-1-570	WP Trash Removal	98	1	1	1
01-4530-1-620	WP Supplies	18	200	200	200
01-4530-1-621	WP Contract Services	0	500	500	500
01-4530-1-623	WP Signs	51	100	100	100
01-4530-1-650	WP Groundskeeping	1,011	1	1	1
New Line	WP Playground	0	0	500	500
01-4530-1-750	WP Fire Prevention System	0	0	0	0
	Wason Pond	3,450	803	1,303	1,303
W.P. Community Center					
01-4530-1-431	WP Electricity Community Center	1,294	1,300	1,300	1,300
01-4530-1-432	WP Heat/Oil Community Center	1,155	2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4530-1-433	WP Telephone/Internet Communit	1,032	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4530-1-434	WP Custodial Community Center	0	0	0	0
	Wason Pond Community Center	3,481	4,300	4,300	4,300
Wason Pond Caretaker Cottage					
01-4535-1-110	CA Salary	1,011	0	0	0
01-4535-1-220	CA Fica/Medicare	77	0	0	0
01-4535-1-260	Workers Comp Expenditure	43	0	0	0
01-4535-1-430	CA Repairs & Maint	1,925	500	0	0
01-4535-1-431	CA Electricity	1,744	2,000	900	900
	Total Wason Pond Caretaker Cottage	4,801	2,500	900	900
Wason Pond Bath House/Store/Garage					
01-4540-1-430	BH Repairs & Maint	0	1	0	0
01-4540-1-431	BH Electricity	597	610	610	610
	Total Wason Pond Bath House/Store/Garage	597	611	610	610
Wason Pond Advisory Commission					
01-4541-1-430	WPAC Dam Maintenance		1	1	1
01-4541-1-431	WPAC Recreation Development		1	1	1
01-4541-1-432	WPAC Conservation Devel.		2,000	2,000	2,000
01-4541-1-433	WPAC Cultural Resources		400	400	400
01-4541-1-434	WPAC Scenic Resources		400	400	400
01-4541-1-435	WPAC Public Safty Emer. Res.		1	1	1
01-4541-1-436	WPAC Miscellaneous		250	250	250
01-4541-1-437	WPAC Utility Decommissioning		100	100	100
	Total Wason Pond Advisory Commission		3,153	3,153	3,153
	Total Wason Pond Expenditures	12,329	11,367	10,266	10,266

Culture and Recreation
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Chester Public Library					
01-4550-1-100	LIB Chester Public Library	97,600	94,772	95,800	95,800
	Total Chester Public Library	97,600	94,772	95,800	95,800
Patriotic Purposes					
01-4583-1-600	PAT American Legion	0	150	150	150
	Total Patriotic Purposes	0	150	150	150
Historical Society					
01-4584-1-100	HS Telephone	441	250	250	250
	Total Historical Society	441	250	250	250
Public Access Television					
01-4585-1-341	CTV-21 Telephone	451	485	540	540
01-4585-1-410	CTV-21 Electricity/Heat	776	920	1,100	1,100
	Total Public Access Television	1,227	1,405	1,640	1,640
Chester Senior Citizens					
01-4586-1-100	SR Chester Senior Citizens	2,513	5,000	7,500	7,500
	Total Chester Senior Citizens	2,513	5,000	7,500	7,500
Town Fair Fireworks					
01-4587-1-100	Town Fair Fireworks	6,500	6,500	6,800	6,800
	Town Fair Fireworks	6,500	6,500	6,800	6,800
Total Culture & Recreation		169,883	170,908	177,518	177,518

**Conservation and Economic Development
Actual and Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances**

		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Account				BOS	BC
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation & Economic Development					
01-4610-1-100	SHF Spring Hill Farm	30	1	1	1
01-4619-1-110	CONS Admin Salaries	0	1	1,080	1,080
01-4619-1-220	CONS Fica/Medicaid	0	1	250	250
01-4619-1-550	CONS Printing	28	250	250	250
01-4619-1-560	CONS Dues Seminars	225	250	200	200
01-4619-1-625	CONS Postage	292	50	250	250
01-4619-1-690	CONS Miscellaneous	1,055	3,000	500	500
01-4619-1-695	CONS Contracted Services	2,520	500	1,500	1,500
01-4619-1-700	CONS Exeter River Watershed	0	300	300	300
01-4619-1-750	CONS Rockingham Land Trust	50	50	50	50
01-4619-1-775	CONS National Resource Inv Pmn	0	0	0	0
01-4619-1-800	CONS Wason Pond	3,486	1	1	1
01-4619-1-901	CONS Easement Monitoring	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-4619-1-905	CONS Wetland Evaluations	0	250	0	0
01-4619-1-910	CONS GPS Topos and Comp	390	0	0	0
Total Conservation & Economic Development		11,077	7,654	7,382	7,382

**Debt Service
Actual and Budgeted
Expenses and Encumbrances**

Account		2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
Number	Account Description	Actual	Approved	BOS Recommended	BC Recommended
Principal Long Term Notes					
01-4711-1-100	PRINCIPAL-TAN	0	0	1	1
01-4711-1-200	PRINCIPAL-Fire Truck Lease	39,482	41,466	43,549	43,549
01-4711-1-300	PRINCIPAL - Landfill	116,464	119,533	0	0
01-4711-1-400	PRINCIPAL - Fire Station	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
01-4711-1-500	PRINCIPAL - Conservation	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
01-4711-1-600	PRINCIPAL - Road Bond	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
01-4711-1-700	Principal on Dump Truck	15,297	15,932	16,593	16,593
	Total Principal Long Term Notes	706,243	711,931	595,143	595,143
Bond Interest					
01-4721-1-200	INTEREST - Fire Truck Lease	6,255	4,721	2,188	2,188
01-4721-1-300	INTEREST - Landfill	6,219	3,150	0	0
01-4721-1-400	INTEREST - Fire Station	15,406	16,219	13,031	13,031
01-4721-1-500	INTEREST - Conservation	70,875	60,375	49,125	49,125
01-4721-1-600	INTEREST - Road Bond	54,968	50,930	42,630	42,630
01-4721-1-700	INTEREST-Dump Truck	2,702	2,067	1,406	1,406
	Total Bond Interest	156,424	137,462	108,380	108,380
Debt Interest - TAN's					
01-4723-1-100	INTEREST - Tan	0	0	1	1
	Debt Interest - TAN's	0	0	1	1
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE					
	Total Debt Service	862,667	849,393	703,524	703,524

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		07-08	07-08	08/09	08/09
		BOS	BC	BOS	BC
Account Number	Account Description	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted	Budgeted
Property Tax Revenue					
01-3110-1-001	Prop Tax Revenue Current Year				
01-3110-1-002	PROP Tax Revenue - Prior Year				
01-3110-1-003	PROP Tax Overpayments				
01-3110-1-004	Overlay	0	0	0	0
	Property Tax Revenue	0	0	0	0
Land Use Change Taxes					
01-3120-1-001	CU Taxes - Current Year				
01-3120-2-001	CU - Taxes Previous Year	0	0	0	0
	Land Use Change Taxes	0	0	0	0
Yield Taxes					
01-3185-1-001	Yield Taxes Current Year	3000	3000	5000	5000
01-3185-2-001	Yield Taxes Prior Year	0	0	0	0
	Yield Taxes	3000	3000	5000	5000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					
01-3186-1-001	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0
Excavation Tax					
01-3187-1-001	EXC-Excavation tax .02/YD Curr				
01-3187-2-001	EXC-Excavation Tax .02/Yd Prio				
01-3187-2-010	07 Excavation Tax	500	500		
01-3187-2-011	00 Excavation Tax				
01-3187-2-013	02 Excavation Tax				
01-3187-2-014	03 Excavation Tax				
01-3187-2-015	04 Excavation Tax				
01-3187-2-016	05 Excavation Tax				
01-3187-2-016	06 Excavation Tax	0	0	0	0
	Excavation Tax	500	500	0	0
Penalties and Interest					
01-3190-1-000	Delete This Acct.				
01-3190-1-001	99 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-002	00 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-003	01 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-004	02 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-005	03 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-006	08 Property Tax Interest			20,000	20,000
01-3190-1-007	05 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-008	06 Property Tax Interest				
01-3190-1-009	07 Property Tax Interest	40,000	40,000	10,000	10,000
01-3190-1-100	Tax Sale Interest & Costs				
01-3190-1-101	Sale of Town Property				
01-3190-2-001	Penalties on Resident Tax				
01-3190-3-001	Int. on Land Use Change Tax				
01-3190-3-002	00 Current Use Fees & Int				
01-3190-3-007	06 Current Use Interest				
01-3190-3-006	05 Current Use Interest	1,000	1,000		
01-3190-4-001	Int. on Late Yield Tax				
01-3190-5-001	Excav Tax Interest				
01-3190-6-000	06 Tax Lien Interest			3,000	3,000
01-3190-6-001	98 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-6-002	99 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-6-004	07 Tax Lien Interest			6,000	6,000
01-3190-6-005	02 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-6-006	03 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-6-007	04 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-6-000	05 Tax Lien Interest				
01-3190-9-999	TX Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	0
	Penalties and Interest	41000	41000	39000	39000

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Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
Business Licenses and Permits					
01-3210-1-001	Business Licenses				
01-3210-2-001	Business Permits				
01-3210-3-001	Business Filing Fees				
01-3210-4-001	TX UCC Filings & Certificates	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Business Licenses and Permits	1000	1000	1000	1000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees					
01-3220-1-001	MV - Permits Decals				
01-3220-2-001	MV - TC Permits	600,000	600,000	700,000	700,000
01-3220-2-002	Compass				
01-3220-2-003	Due Interware			700	700
01-3220-3-001	MV - Registration Fee				
01-3220-4-001	Motor Vehicle Title Fees	0	0	0	0
	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600000	600000	700700	700700
Heating Permits					
01-3228-1-001	FD Heating Permits	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500
	Heating Permits	2000	2000	2500	2500
Building Permits					
01-3230-1-001	BI Building Permits - Building	35,000	35,000	33,000	33,000
01-3230-1-002	BI Electrical Permits	600	600	900	900
01-3230-1-003	BI Septic Permits	500	500	775	775
01-3230-1-004	BI Plumbing & Heating Permits	500	500	450	450
01-3230-5-001	BI Driveway Permits	3,000	3,000	900	900
01-3230-5-002	BI In/Out House Numbering				
01-3230-6-001	BI Masonry	200	200	100	100
01-3230-7-001	BI Home Occupation	190	190	160	160
01-3230-9-001	BI Building Permits - Misc	50	50	100	100
01-3230-9-002	BI Copy Revenue			1	1
01-3230-9-003	BI Bldg Code Publications				
01-3230-9-004	BI Demo Permit				
01-3230-9-005	BI Mechanical Permit	0	0	0	0
	Building Permits	40040	40040	36386	36386
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees					
01-3290-1-001	TC Dog Licenses	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000
01-3290-2-001	Dog License Fines				
01-3290-3-001	Marriage Licenses	630	630	500	500
01-3290-4-001	Marriage License Fees				
01-3290-5-001	Certificates Birth and Death	425	425	800	800
01-3290-6-001	TC Parking Violations				
01-3290-7-001	Pistol Permits	300	300	560	560
01-3290-8-001	TC Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0		
01-3290-9-001	Other Licenses & Permits	0	0	1000	1000
	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	4255	4255	5860	5860
Federal Funds Via State					
01-3311-9-001	Funds passed through the State				
01-3311-9-002	FED Mitigation via State				
01-3319-1-001	Fed. Govt - Cops Grant				
01-3319-1-002	US Treasury Reimb - FICA				
01-3319-1-003	Highway Safety Grant				
01-3319-1-004	FED - Fema Funds				
01-3319-1-600	Dolloff Farm dev. rights				
01-3319-1-700	FD Fire Grant				
01-3319-1-900	PD Police Grant				
01-3350-1-001	Shared Revenue Block Grant	45,000	45,000	22,780	22,780
01-3350-2-001	State of NH- Forest Fire Reim	0	0	0	0
	Federal Funds Via State	45000	45000	22780	22780

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Revenue From State of NH					
01-3353-1-001	NH Highway Block Grant	105,000	105,000	110,000	110,000
01-3359-1-001	State Room and Meals Tax	185,000	185,000	200,000	200,000
01-3359-1-002	NH 20% TS/LF Grant	14,000	14,000	14,130	14,130
01-3359-1-003	State of NH - FF Training				
01-3359-1-004	Record Preservation Grant				
01-3359-9-001	Other Revenue From State	0	0	5,000	5,000
	Revenue From State of NH	304000	304000	329130	329130
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENTS					
01-3379-1-001	Natural Resource Code Planner	0	0		
01-3379-3-001	Hazardous Waste Day Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
	Local Government Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
Revenue From Charges for Service					
01-3401-1-001	Income From Departments				
01-3401-1-002	Insurance Report Fees	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,300
01-3401-1-003	Police- Special Duty Fees				
01-3401-1-004	State Witness Fees			1,700	1,700
01-3401-1-005	Kennel Fees				
01-3401-2-001	PB Copies			80	80
01-3401-2-002	PB Applications	5,000	5,000	4,000	4,000
01-3401-2-003	PB Offsite Fees				
01-3401-3-001	ZB Fees			2,100	2,100
01-3401-3-002	PB Zoning Ordinance	200	200	100	100
01-3401-4-001	Landfill Fees Received				
01-3401-4-002	LF Appliance Fees	1,000	1,000	750	750
01-3401-4-003	LF Tire Fees	400	400	250	250
01-3401-4-004	RR Recycling Aluminum	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000
01-3401-4-005	RR Recycling Glass/Metal	4,000	4,000	7,000	7,000
01-3401-4-006	RR Recycling Paper/Magazine	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-3401-4-007	RR Misc Recycling Revenue	50	50	50	50
01-3401-4-008	RR Propane Tanks	250	250		
01-3401-4-009	TS Computers	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,100
01-3401-5-001	Recreation Dept. Income	0	0		
01-3401-6-001	Construction Debries Fees	0	0	0	0
	Revenue From Charges For Services	21400	21400	25430	25430
Revenue From Miscellaneous Services					
01-3503-1-001	Rents From Short-Term Use				
01-3503-1-002	Rents From Long-Term Use-Tower	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200
01-3503-2-001	EX Rental - Post Office	13,560	13,560	13,560	13,560
01-3503-3-001	EX Rental - Kitchen	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
01-3503-4-001	EX Rental Wason Cottage	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
01-3504-1-001	Court Fines				
01-3504-4-001	Health Insurance Reimbursement				
01-3506-4-001	Health Insurance Reimbursement				
01-3506-6-001	INS Reimbursements				
01-3508-2-001	Gift from Nonpublic sources				
01-3508-9-001	EX Returned check fee	450	450		
01-3509-1-001	Miscellaneous Revenue -Other	10,000	10,000	10,500	10,500
01-3509-1-002	Interest on Investments	120,000	120,000	100,000	100,000
01-3509-1-003	EX Copy Revenue				
01-3509-1-004	EL Voter Checklist Printout				
01-3509-1-005	CEM Investment Income			1,700	1,700
01-3509-1-006	PD Vandalism Reimbursement				
01-3509-1-007	Welfare Lien				
01-3509-1-008	Junk Yard Permits				
01-3509-1-009	TA Vending Machines	600	600	800	800
01-3509-2-001	Current Use Application Fees	0	0	0	0
	Revenue From Miscellaneous Services	162,810	162,810	143,760	143,760

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Other Financing Sources					
01-3912-1-001	Library Reimbursements				
01-3912-1-002	SS Silver Sands Land Purchase				
01-3912-1-003	PACT Public Access Television			1,200	1,200
01-3915-1-001	Cap. Res Police Cruiser				
01-3915-1-002	CAP Candia Road				
01-3915-2-001	Cap. Res. Reval				
01-3915-2-002	Cap. Res. Fire Truck				
01-3915-2-005	FD 2nd Flr Renovation/Cap Res				
01-3915-2-006	FD Fire Fighter Grant 90%				
01-3915-2-007	FD Generator Grant				
01-3915-2-008	Offsite Improv. Fees/FD Gerera				
01-3916-1-001	Interfund transfers - Trust	0	0	0	0
	Other Financing Sources	0	0	1,200	1,200
	Total before Prop. Tax & Bonds	1,225,005	1,225,005	1,312,746	1,312,746
Proceeds From Bonds					
01-3943-3-003	HSB Road Bond	0	0	0	0
	Proceeds From Bonds	0	0		
	General Fund	1,225,005	1,225,005	1,312,746	1,312,746
	Total before Prop. Tax & Bonds				
	CONSOLIDATED FUND TOTALS				

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: CHESTER, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From 7-1-08 to 6-30-09

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Richard A. Bellemore, Chairman
Richard A. Bellemore

John Harvey

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)			OP Bud. Appropriations Warr. Art.# Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures 2006-2007		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4130-4139	Executive			149,003		186,834	172,860			172,860	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics			89,506		62,944	78,617			78,617	
4150-4151	Financial Administration			217,318		189,067	251,874			251,874	
4152	Revaluation of Property			87,788		90,737	102,662			102,662	
4153	Legal Expense			85,000		97,996	65,000			65,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration										
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning			80,418		72,792	76,439			76,439	
4194	General Government Buildings			188,884		203,452	186,886			186,886	
4195	Cemeteries			3,450		2,226	19,806			19,806	
4196	Insurance			38,718		33,716	41,882			41,882	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			6,309		6,095	6,342			6,342	
4198	Other General Government										
PUBLIC SAFETY											
4210-4214	Police			408,236		390,919	425,843			425,843	
4215-4219	Ambulance			45,000		38,500	45,500			45,500	
4220-4229	Fire			244,246		206,222	288,992			288,992	
4240-4249	Building Inspection			88,815		83,569	81,923			81,923	
4290-4298	Emergency Management			100		82	1,000			1,000	
4299	Other (Including Communications)			6,000		6,000	6,000			6,000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER											
4301-4309	Airport Operations										
HIGHWAYS & STREETS											
4311	Administration										
4312	Highways & Streets			345,082		283,105	494,999			494,999	
4313	Bridges										

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					Ensuling Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuling Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4318	Street Lighting		1400	2022	2200		2200	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administrtion							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		154,558	141,488	155,240		155,240	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		15,200	13,875	14,700		14,700	
4328-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administrtion							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4338	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administrtion							
4414	Pest Control		1,050	1,235	1,000		1,000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		18,342	18,880	20,300		20,300	
4441-4442	Administrtion & Direct Asslat.		13,000	8,882	13,000		13,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		3,770	3,803	4,020		4,020	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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		Warr. Art.#	2007-2008 As Approved by DRA	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)		RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED			
CULTURE & RECREATION											
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		64,236	62,826	67,018		67,018		67,018		
4550-4559	Library		94,772	97,600	95,800		95,800		95,800		
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6,650	6,500	6,950		6,950		6,950		
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		5,250	2,954	7,760		7,760		7,760		
CONSERVATION											
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources										
4619	Other Conservation		7,654	11,076	7,382		7,382		7,382		
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING										
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
DEBT SERVICE											
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		711,931	706,243	595,143		595,143		595,143		
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		137,462	156,424	108,360		108,360		108,360		
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1	-	1		1		1		
4790-4799	Other Debt Service										
CAPITAL OUTLAY											
4901	Land										
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment										
4903	Buildings										
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.										
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT											
4912	To Special Revenue Fund										
4913	To Capital Projects Fund										
4914	To Enterprise Fund										
	Sewer-										
	Water-										

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 2007-2008 As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 2006-2007	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL				3,288,148	3,154,948	3,444,888	3,444,888	

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Road Bond (6/10 mile East Derry Rd, Jennifer Dr, Holmen Way, Parker Rd and Rend Dr)				1,443,000		1,443,000	
	Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund				85,000		85,000	
	Fremont Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund				88,800		88,800	
	Equipment and Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund				80,045		80,045	
	Building Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund				24,107			24,107
	Highway Special Revenue Fund				108,834		108,834	
	SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	1,809,486	XXXXXXXXXX	1,879,845	XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated coat items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	Police Cruiser and In-car camera				33,483.40		33,483.40	
	Police Expedition and In-car camera				37,863		37,863	
	In-car camera (2) with 60% State match grant				10,000		10,000	
	Full time police officer (includes salary, benefits, uniform and equipment)					81,100		81,100
	Wason Pond Dam repair and reconstruction				275,000			275,000
	Engineering for Lane Rd and Fremont Rd				120,000			120,000
	Spring Hill Farm - maintenance and repaire				9,400			9,400
	Expenditures from the Town Forest Fund				17,400		17,400	
	Expenditures from the PACT Fund				6,845		6,845	
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	808,981.40	XXXXXXXXXX	104,981.40	XXXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues 2007-2008	Actual Revenues 2006-2007	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		3,000	10,135	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		41,000	59,147	39,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		500	575	
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,000	1,165	1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		600,000	819,338	700,700
3230	Building Permits		42,040	40,853	38,886
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4,255	6,616	5,860
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			115,857	
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		45,000	22,780	22,780
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		185,000	178,693	200,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		104,071	104,472	110,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		14,000	18,485	19,130
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		21,400	24,543	25,430
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments			135,512	101,700
3503-3509	Other		162,810	74,214	43,260
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds (OFFSITE IMPR FUND)			32,454	
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues 2007-2008	Actual Revenues 2006-2007	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			50,000	
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				17,400
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				1,430,000
Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					68,500
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,224,076	1,694,839	2,828,646

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	2007-2008 ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	3,289,148	3,444,898	3,444,898
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	212,900	1,809,486	1,676,545
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	133,223	508,981	104,581
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,635,271	5,763,366	5,226,024
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,224,076	2,828,646	2,828,646
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2,411,195	2,934,720	2,397,378

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

307,950

SPECIAL

13,900.0 911 SYS
20,000.0 MOS

MS-7
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BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Chester FISCAL YEAR END 6/30/2009

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5,226,024
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	595,143
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	108,381
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	1,443,000
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	2,146,524
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	3,079,500
8. Line 7 times 10%	307,950
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	5,533,974

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.



You Can Make The Difference For Chester!

A few hours of your time each month will help Chester to meet the needs of the future, and preserve the integrity of the past. Each of the Boards listed below have positions available by appointment by the Chester Board of Selectmen.

Be A Volunteer! Help Chester Work!

- ☐ Conservation Commission
- ☐ Heritage Commission
- ☐ Highway Safety
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Public Access Community Television
- ☐ Recreation Commission
- ☐ Solid Waste & Recycling
- ☐ Strategic Land Planning
- ☐ Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Commission
- ☐ Zoning Board of Adjustment

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

HERITAGE COMMISSION:

- To promote the proper recognition, use and protection of the unique cultural and historic resources of Chester
- To integrate preservation planning into a partnership with individuals, businesses, Town boards and other appropriate groups.
- As stated in New Hampshire RSA 67:44 and referencing the Chester Master Plan, the Chester Heritage Commission shall have advisory and review authority.
- The Heritage Commission will meet as needed to accomplish the above goals.

PLANNING BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To keep current on behalf of the Town of Chester: Master Plan, Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Ordinances and Regulations including but not limited to Zoning, Subdivisions, Excavation, Site Plan Reviews, Driveways, Building Codes.
- To Review Plans for Compliance to those of the Town of Chester Ordinances/Regulations as they pertain to Subdivisions, Site Plans, Excavation Plans
- To Learn and understand the Town's Ordinances/Regulations and the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) and how they apply to plans that come before the Board.
- Participation in one other Town organization to provide a means of communication between the Planning Board and that particular organization is encouraged.
- Planning Board meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 PM in the meeting room of the Town Office Building at 84 Chester Street.

PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION:

- The Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT) exists to ensure that the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Chester and Adelphia (now Comcast) Communications, effective April 1, 2003 through March 30, 2013, operates without incident, and to manage the funds received from Adelphia (now Comcast) as a result of this agreement.
- The PACT committee meets as needed to review the needs presented to them by CTV-21, and CETV-22.
- PACT members are also volunteers for either CTV-21/20 (Public & Government Access TV), or CETV-22 (Education TV). Volunteers for each may help to maintain the community calendars, help produce live cablecasts of Town Meetings and events, and have access to use of Town owned equipment to produce their own programming if desired.
- The PACT Commission meets as needed to discuss needs of either CTV-21/20 or CETV-22.

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION AREA COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To oversee the preservation and management of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area, to monitor current and future use in accordance with the easement (signed June 2005) that forever preserves the 105-acre parcel as a quiet, largely natural area where residents can recreate and enjoy nature.
- The WPCRA Commission meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Wason Pond Community Center at 603 Raymond Road.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To act in a "quasi-judicial" capacity by exercising its responsibilities under the New Hampshire Statutes TITLE LXIV, RSA Chapters 672-677 and the Chester Zoning Ordinance.
- To conduct public hearings and to address appeals as they pertain to variances, special exceptions and equitable waivers to the Chester Zoning Ordinances, acting as both the judge and jury in deciding an appeal. We provide the training, the manuals and all the materials, all you provide is some time
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM in the meeting room of the Town Office Building at 84 Chester Street.

Town of Chester

Directory - Pg. 1 of 2

Ambulance, Fire, Police Emergency - Dial 911

Assessing Department 887-4045

M-F 9-3 PM

Jean Packard and Scott Marsh

Budget Committee 887-0321

Rhonda Lamphere, Chair

Building Inspector/Code

Enforcement Officer 887-5552

Tu. & Sat. 8-4 PM

Thomas J. Malley

email: chesterbi@gsinet.net

Cable TV 21 887-2288

Richard (Dick) Godfrey

Cemeteries 887-4979

(see also "Great Hill")

Village Cemetery

No. Chester Cemetery

Raymond, Fremont Rd. & Others

Steve Child, Chair

Chester Historical Society

Hilary Hall, President 887-4545

email: chesterhistorical@yahoo.com

Chester Kitchen 887-4979

email: chesterkitchen@yahoo.com

Chester Community

Food Pantry

Mary Hamblett, Coordinator 437-3813

Linda Noyes, Asst. Coord. 887-3291

Chester Seniors 887-5034

M-F 10-4 PM

Conservation Comm. 887-3719

Charles Myette, Chair

Emergency Mgmt. 887-4556

Scott St. Clair, Director

Exeter River

Local Advisory

778-0885

Finance Office

887-4980

Finance Director

887-4277

Fire Department

887-3878

M-F 7:30-6 PM

Sa.Su. 5-6 PM

Richard Antoine, Fire Chief

email: antoine@firehousemail.com

Duty Officer

365-7184

Fire Warden

887-3878

Richard Antoine

Deputy Fire Wardens:

Mike Wilinsky & Robert Wolinski

Food Pantry - See "Chester Community Food Pantry"

Great Hill Cemetery

887-3740

Clifford Millsaps, Chair

Health Officer

887-3546

Darrell F. Quinn

email: dfq@gsinet.net

Highway Dept.

887-2133

Mike Oleson, Road Agent

Highway Safety

887-2080

Police Chief William Burke

Historical Society - See "Chester Historical Society"

Joint Loss

Mgmt. Committee

887-4979

Town of Chester

Directory -Pg. 2 of 2

Ambulance, Fire, Police Emergency - Dial 911

Library 887-3404

M. & W. 3-8 PM

Tu. & Th. 10-8 PM

Fri. 1-5 PM, Sat. 10-12 Noon

Sunday *Closed*

Melissa Rossetti, Director

Multi-Purpose Rm. 887-5773
Reservations

No. Chester Cemetery 887-4979
Steve Child, Chair

Planning Board 887-5629
Cynthia Robinson, Coordinator
email: chstrpl@gsinet.net

Police Dept. Office: 887-2080
Dispatch: 887-3229
William Burke, Police Chief

Public Access
Community TV 887-2288

Recreation Dept. 887-5773
Office Hours: T,Th. 2-6 PM
Steve Moltenbrey, Coordinator
email: chesterrec@gsinet.net

Road Name Advisory
Committee 887-3271
Camilla Lockwood

Rockingham County
Sheriff's Office 679-2241

Selectmen's Office 887-4979
Patricia Martin, Admin. Asst.
email: chesterbos@gsinet.net

Seniors - See "Chester Seniors"

Spring Hill Farm 887-1030
Brad Wamsley, Chair

Stevens Memorial Hall
Reservations **887-5773**

Supervisors of the Checklist
Barbara Hatch, Chair **887-4344**
(see also "Town Clerk")

Tax Collector/
Town Clerk 887-3636
M.W.Th.F. 8-12:30 PM
Tues. 8-12:00 & 12:30-3:30 PM
Barbara L. Gagnon
Linda Mansur, Deputy
email: chester9@gsinet.net

Transfer Station 365-8245
Wed 6 PM-8 PM
Sat 7:00 AM-2:00 PM
Bonnie Healey and Lloyd Healey

Treasurer 887-4979
Donald Parnell

Tree Warden 887-5629
Cynthia J. Robinson
email: treestump013@aol.com

Village Cemetery (see "Cemeteries")

Wason Pond Comm.
Baron Richardson **887-4979**
Wason Pond Caretaker: **887-5773**

Welfare 887-4979

Zoning Board of Adj. 887-4343
W&F 8:30-12:30 PM
Janet Boyden, Admin. Assist.

Town of Chester

2008-2009 Holiday Listings

Monday, May 26, 2008
 Friday, July 4, 2008
 Monday, September 1, 2008
 Monday, October 13, 2008
 Tuesday, November 11, 2008
 Thursday, November 27, 2008
 Friday, November 28, 2008
 Thursday, December 25, 2008

Memorial Day Observed
 Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Columbus Day Observed
 Veterans Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Day after Thanksgiving
 Christmas Day

Thursday, January 1, 2009
 Monday, January 19, 2009
 Monday, February 16, 2009

New Year's Day
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Civ. Rights Day
 President's Day



***Featured above are Historical Reenactments taking place in 1972
 in Celebration of the Town of Chester's 250th Anniversary!***

Top photograph: Tea Party in the Parlor of the Parsonage 1744

***(Left to right: Barbara Dolloff, Marion Hazelton, Midge Gould,
 Edith Sullivan, Cy Clarkson, Cynthia Clarkson, and Arlene Delorey)
 (Children seated on the floor: Pam Gould, Bill Gould, Shayne Sullivan)***

Bottom photograph: Webster's Tavern 1775

***(Al Davis, Jack Towle, Dick Noyes, Dick Wiggin, Lindsey Rice,
 Red Dolloff, John Colman, Jack Pepper, Cliff Millsaps, Doug Boynton)***

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